June 2022

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Dear Members,

We have come to the end of our Rotary year and are on the cusp of a Rotary New Year. As with all previous end of years we inevitably find ourselves looking back at the past and making new resolutions for the coming year.

When I look back at our past year it is with a sense of melancholy for the people, we have lost and admiration for how we have all coped through a virus which is still with us today namely **Covid.** It certainly did not make life any easier for millions worldwide and left us all with a sense of grief for those lives lost.

One of those taken through this virus was Past President (PP) Gerald Sieberhagen. Gerald was one of the founders of our club, a stalwart Rotarian, mentor and my friend. Gerald for me and I am sure for many of us inspired a sense of camaraderie and pride in our club, its achievements and its goals. He had an enormous sense of humour and empathy for others and showed us all the true spirit of Rotary.

I could go on but feel that I need to mention our immediate PP Irene Kotze. Irene was also a true inspiration to us all, a hard-working Rotarian and friend to many. Irene felt that she had to leave our club after her partner (Gerald) in Rotary and in life died. Irene has left a large gap in our club and I pray that I can do the job of being your president at least 50% as well as my predecessors and hopefully a lot more than that.

To this end I look forward to our new year and pledge to be available for all our members either by mail or WhatsApp should the need arise to chat about projects, complaints etc. The new year brings with it hopes and dreams for the future. My dream is to hear from you all perhaps just 5 minutes in GoToMeeting about your projects, your lives or your goals for the future. We would like to set up a calendar with all our members names and a slot for you in our forthcoming meetings.

We are a team, an extended family which stretches throughout the world. This in itself gives us knowledge of the lives of ordinary people, perhaps making new friends and acquaintances. It certainly helps us to network, a very valuable tool.

During the recent floods we were able to supply porridge to many children and to the orphanage. We helped with Shoes, Clothes and much more. I am sure that you have seen the reports that we have sent to you and below are pictures of just some of our projects. I have to say that it is a constant joy for me to see the happy faces of the children, mothers, pensioners and students.

Our next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> June and we will be inducting three new members. You will have seen their details in the membership forms that we have sent out. We are lucky to be able to add not only new people to our Club but new skills and insight.

One other hope for the future is that in working for the greater good, we do not forget to enjoy and have fun in as many ways as possible. Laughter is contagious and proved to be one of the best medicines available. I have included some links from Rotary foundation to aid us in our way forward.

Thank you for your patience and your continued loyal support. See you in Rotary 2022/2023 year. Kindest regards, Arlene Arnold, Club President M: +44 74 1044 7979 E: <a href="mailto:davearlene39@gmail.com">davearlene39@gmail.com</a>

"Looking at the Sustainable Development Goals chart below I can honestly say that our club has met with many of the challenges and is continuing to do so" - President Arlene Arnold

# SUSTAINABLE GOALS 1 NO POVERTY POVERTY AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN EVERTY B DECENT WORK AND AND WELL-BEING ON DUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRICTURE 10 REDUCED 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND SANITATION AND PRODUCTION AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINABLE 12 RESPONSIBLE COOL 13 CLIMATE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINABLE BELOW WATER 15 UPE ON LAND STRONG INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINABLE BELOW WATER OF PEACE, JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINABLE BELOW WATER OF PEACE, JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS OF PARTNERSHIPS OF PACE, JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS OF PACE, JUSTICE OF P

Please take a look at the links below provided by President Arlene:

- Young People https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/
- Purple4Polio for End Polio Now https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/purple4polio/
- Disaster Relief https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/disaster-relief/
- Global Giving https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/global-giving/
- Empowering Girls https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/empowering-girls/

#### **Club Board Members:**

- 1. Arlene Arnold, Club President
- 2. Bill Main, Director Web Administrator
- 3. Esmeralda Witbooi, Director Public Image
- 4. Logie Naidoo, Director Projects
- 5. Monique Labat, Club Secretary
- 6. Patrick Draper, Director Global Grants
- 7. Richard Brooks, Director International Service
- 8. Tony Holness, Club Treasurer
- 9. Viktor Cytra, Director Rotary Foundation

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The Four-Way

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?

#### **Future Speaker**

Thank you to our Rotary E-Club's Web Administrator and Board member Bill Main for inviting our next guest speaker! Sanaz Shahrokni, Peace Fellow will speak on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 19h00 South African Standard Time. Thank you Projects Director Logie Naidoo and friend of Rotary Xavania Reddy for designing our guest speaker invitation!



## My Peace Fellowship Journey



Join our online meeting to find out more on Sanaz Shahrokni as she shares her Rotary Peace Fellowship journey with us.

Sanaz Shahrokni Rotary Peace Fellowship: Class VIII, 2010-2011

Peace building and peace fellowship is not about one person. It is about the change that this investment in that person can bring in the world.

Tuesday, 14 Jun 2022 7:00 PM SAST

> Contact Logie Naidoo <u>logie247@mweb.co.za</u> to join via GoToMeeting invite.

# Ngiyabonga, Enkosi, Re a leboga, Thank you, Baie dankie, Ndza nkhensa, Ndo livhuwa!

A big thank you to Rotarians Cheryl Buckler, Brian Thomas and David Tilling, all from Westbourne Rotary Club in District 1110, United Kingdom for their donation of £100.00 for our orphanage sent to us today!

Thank you for your generosity – Rotarians making a difference and helping our communities!

## June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month!

Here is the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians taking place at the Rotary Convention in Houston, Texas, USA from the 4-8 June 2022!

Keen to learn more about Rotary Fellowships and see whether your area of interest has a Fellowship?

Simply click on: <a href="https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships">https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships</a>



# **The Osprey** BOOTH, MEET & GREET, FIELD TRIP

5 June 2022



#### **MEET US AT BOOTH 621**

#### SECRETARY JUDY, BOARD MEMBER MADU, AND INTERIM CHAIR JULIE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU

-- and they would be thrilled to see other members help out!.

It's a great way to meet other Rotarians interested in birds! You don't have to be a great authority on birds to do this!

To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Julie West directly by calling or texting her at 216-392-6771 or by emailing IIFBR.birding@gmail.com

#### **MEET & GREET AT THE BOOTH**

Meet your fellow birders at the booth on Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 We've set aside this special time to get together as IFBR members, so please stop by and chat!

#### **Rotary International President-elect's Theme 2022/23**

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world. All logos in multiple formats saved in our Rotary E-Club's Dropbox for ease of reference!



## Cathy's Corner



Where do I start? I got involved with Rotary when I was about 22 years old, having been invited to the Durban South Rotaract Club. My brother David Tilling, who was visiting from the UK at the time, should remember how excited I was to come home and announce that I was being 'induced' into Rotaract!

I remember doing various projects that involved painting walls in various places such as children's homes and the Moth retirement village down the South Coast. One, in particular, stands out and that was the Children's Assessment Centre (CAC) in Sherwood, Durban. Unbeknown to me at the time, the CAC would play a significant role about 12 years later!

There were several Rotaract clubs in the Durban and surrounding areas in the 1970s and they would have get-togethers now and again. The most significant one in my life was the Odd Ball Olympics, held somewhere outside Durban on a big sports field with a clubhouse and braai area. This was held on 12 September 1976 and why I remember it so well because it was the day I met my future husband Kelvin who was a member of the Durban Central Rotaract club. I was boyfriendless and had not been keen to go, but between my mother and another friend called Cathy, I was persuaded to go.

I had not considered that I would be 'bowled over' by a guy covered in flour from a sack, after the sack race asking me to look after his 'wors' at the braai while he changed. It obviously didn't register on my part immediately, as it was only after he forcefully dragged me away from another Rotaractor's arms, explaining that I was 'his' girlfriend, did I/we fall hopelessly in love. We married six months later and were married for 43 years before Kelvin died of a massive aneurism in 2020.

Will tell you more next time.

Ciao, Cathy Dippnall

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

# **Birthdays**

Richard Brooks 2 June
Sambulo Khalala 2 July
Francesco Petruccione 6 July
Suresh Setty 20 July
Monique Labat 27 July

#### **Anniversaries**

Monique Labat and Francesco Petruccione 11 July Janet and Mark Rouillard 14 July

# **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 of</sup> July. Rotarians are billed twice at 6 monthly intervals. At our Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2022, it was agreed that our Club's subscription for the new Rotary year starting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 will be R1,000 (One thousand rand).

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.

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 +27 (0) 82 800 9236 or drop Tony an email: <a href="mailto:wizardhc@mweb.co.za">wizardhc@mweb.co.za</a> if you need more information!

#### TO ALL ROTARIANS

On behalf of District Governor Maddy, it is my pleasure to confirm the appointment of Rotary D9370 District Governor for 2024/25, as Assistant Governor Radash (Raj) Ramchunder, of the Rotary Club of Chatsworth High Noon.

We wish him a wonderful, exciting journey in this role.

Yours in Rotary

Hilary Augustus Rotary District 9370 Executive Secretary

# Rotary Visit to Taweni Community in the Eastern Cape

Our Global Grants Director, Pat Draper and Morag stopped by to visit Rotarian Khaya Mposula at the Taweni Community on Monday 28 March 2022. The Grannies Support Group were so excited to host Pat and Morag. Traditional Mpondo dishes were served for lunch and a show of handmade crafts were also put on display. Khaya says that it was a beautiful day and that the Taweni Community will treasure the lovely experience!



Do you have a story to share about Rotary, about a project, or the name of a potential guest speaker? Please send the information to Club Secretary Monique Labat, Email: <a href="moniquelabat@gmail.com">moniquelabat@gmail.com</a> or WhatsApp: 0027 82 924 6349

# Fraser's and Tongaat Communities assisted with food further to devastating floods in KwaZulu-Natal

Projects Director Logie Naidoo with the help of our sponsors in Australia was able to purchase groceries and vegetables in collaboration with the Prashanti Niketan Ashram in Tongaat to assist the communities of Fraser's and Tongaat who were affected by the recent devastating floods. Thank you to our Sponsors for your generosity!



If you would like to donate to our feeding projects further to the floods which devastated many communities in our province of KwaZulu-Natal herewith our Rotary E-Club's bank account:

Account name: Rotary E Club of South Africa One

Bank: Standard Bank Acc no: 043 671 756 Branch code: 042 826

Branch name: Durban North SWIFT code: SBZAZAJJ

Ref: Your surname and KZN Floods

Kindly email proof of payment to: Tony Holness, our Club Treasurer on wizardhc@mweb.co.za

#### Social Media Links

Find us online on our Club's website managed by Web Administrator Director Bill Main, and on Facebook and Instagram managed by Public Image Director, Esmeralda Witbooi.

Our Club's website:

www.rotaryeclubsa.org

Our Club's Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryeclubSAone

Our Club's Instagram account:

https://www.instagram.com/rotarveclubsaone/