



President Arlene's letter



Dear Friends,

How are you all? It has been a month that has seen the world change yet again. So many wars, droughts, and people needing help in almost every country on earth, but when I see how many of us are responding to their needs it makes me think there is hope for us all.

Rotary reaches practically every country on earth and in each country we have volunteers working either through ROTARY or together with other charitable organisations.

Every Rotarian is an ambassador for peace and friendship.

How do we do all of this humanitarian work? By meeting and discussing a way forward, by sharing views and listening to others, by implementing projects agreed upon, by following the 4 Way Test.

Why am I stating the obvious you may ask, it is because many have asked what the point of an EClub is and I have noted that attendance at meetings is not a regular habit that many cultivate.

Some of the comments include 'online meetings do not promote friendship/camaraderie.'

I am sure that many of you would agree that during the Covid pandemic the use of Zoom, WhatsApp, Google, Face time etc. Became the 'norm'. People use these methods not only to communicate but promote and retain friendships made. The internet has become a preferred tool of communication, and I am sure that many people including myself have made many friends going down this route. I have chatted with several club presidents who have told me that their clubs are becoming hybrid. Lots of us have gone on to meet in person with those friends we met during an EClub meeting. As we are all aware our club is an international club so it would be impossible to me in person. This does not stop us from having many successful projects. Quite the opposite, it encourages those overseas to work with us and in many cases donate.

I appreciate that there are many reasons why an individual cannot attend i.e., power outage, family commitments, work-based and many more but unless we meet together we do not get the chance to meet our fellow club members to either learn about current projects or possibly present a project that you would like to run or be associated with.

I would like to finish by asking you all...

- How would you like our meetings run?
- What would you like to see included?
- Would you like anyone you know to give a presentation?

Yours in Rotary

Arlene Arnold

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Exciting Events taking place in our Durban Rotary Club, Thank you to Logie and team for your amazing work.

Groceries and vegetables were purchased for families in Tongaat and Fraser's. The Sai Spiritual Organisation in Tongaat received packages to distribute as per the pictures below.




Groceries were delivered to Khaya successfully with the assistance from volunteers.




GUEST SPEAKER


Our speaker- Sister Elsie Naicker, spoke to us about the treatment and prevention of Diabetes on GoToMeeting on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 19:00 pm SA time. We would like to extend our gratitude to her for a very informative session which we can implement into our own lives and that of our communities.



Management of Diabetes

You can live with diabetes if you learn how. Join our online meeting to find out more from Sr Elsie Naicker as she shares more on the topic.





Sr Elsie Naicker Registered Nurse. Post Graduate Dip in Diabetes (Glamorgan) MSc Diabetes (Univ of South Wales) Working in Diabetes Field since 2006

**Tuesday, 17 May 2022
7:00 PM SAST**

Contact Logie Naidoo logie247@mweb.co.za to join via GoToMeeting invite.

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

Dates to Diarise

Dates for Club Meetings, Board, Speaker programmes 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 ☐

Tues 31st May 2022	19h00 Club Meeting
Tues 14 th June 2022	19h00 Speaker

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The 4 to the 8 June 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas, USA.

Birthdays

12th June Janet Rouillard

Anniversaries

2nd June Richard and Sonia Brooks

Welcome Back

To Monique Kabat, she was enjoying a wonderful holiday.

We missed you.

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 1st 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 if you need more information!



RI President's Theme 2021/2022

Rotary has designated June as follows:
June is.....Be a gift to the world.

Every one of us has something to give – whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion.

For the Laugh of it..

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer, and the bartender says "sorry, we don't serve food here."

Vote of Thanks

I would like to thank Pres Arlene and Monique for taking care of the Drumbeat in my absence and to Esmerelda for her sterling help learning the 'ropes'. I appreciated all your help.

(Editor's note: please send your photos, stories, items for Drumbeat to either Monique Labat or me: Cathy Dippnall @ cathyd.eish@gmail.com)

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