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Ren's Ramblings

On Thursday this week we are expecting a group of 16 Latvians/Swedes, who are visiting our beautiful Lowveld as part of their Rotary Friendship Exchange.

Some of us have experienced this wonderful Rotary program for themselves and I'm sure they all have fond memories of their trip. For me it was an unforgettable time, visiting Southern California, being home-hosted by interesting Rotarians and being taken to beautiful places, but also working at Rotary projects – we helped with packing food parcels for the Needy and handing out food to refugees.

It also means having an Overseas holiday for a minimum Outlay. You need to pay your airfare and visas and provide Pocket money for your private expenses.

Our visitors will be home -hosted by members and we will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and impressions with them at a 'Bring & Braai' at Judy and Ricky Pott's home on Thursday night and it would be great if you could all attend.

Please bring your Picnic Basket with enough Crockery and Cutlery for you and your guests (if you are hosting), meat, drinks and Garden Chairs. Judy will ask some of us to provide a side dish and we're all set to have a great time.

Hope to see you there!

Have a great week,

Ren

President Renate Bowers



Rotavision's news this week brought to you by our Secret Roving Reporter!

Meeting: 04 February

- **Huffy** spoke about the Latvian visit. They arrive this Thursday 7th Feb. He will collect and take them to Judy's house where there will be a Bring and Braai for all Rotarians (5:30/6:00pm). Afterwards hosts will take them home. They need to be taken to a meeting place (still to be arranged) on Friday morning by **6am**. No breakfast required. **Judy** will need to know rough numbers. Please contact her to arrange contributions of salad etc. Bring chairs.
- **13th Feb.** Board meeting at **Albie's** house.
- **3rd Mar.** Lunch for exchange students. International theme. Entertainment provided. Please let **Judy** know if you can be there.
- **5th and 6th April.** **Erik** spoke about the Wine Show and there was considerable discussion.
 - **Must improve tkt sales or we will not get proceeds of wine.**
 - **200 tkts to be sold at least. R150 per tkt (normally R200)**
 - **Our biggest fundraiser.**
 - **Should we partner with Hospice? Church? Other?**
 - **Possible shuttle from WR ... Netto?**
 - **Brian will co-ordinate ticket sales.**
- **24th – 29th Sept.** Camp Quality. **Brian** said Uplands College is the venue and Choc are onboard.
- **Wed 6th Feb.** Quiz at Habana. **Brian** gathered a team up.

INFORMATION...Luiza reminded all members about the focus areas of RI.

SERGEANT Michael W. gave an American flavour to the role, with a humorous take on **guns, weather and healthcare**. He fined all Rotarians that couldn't speak Latvian....

WINE DRAW won by Janet

Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards
Rotary's End Polio campaign

- **Leon** was happy because Jacki was at the meeting last week.
- **Luiza's** son was registered for University.
- **Warren's** gardener's son was also registered.
- **Mike L.** visited an old friend who introduced him to Rotary.



Next meeting 11th February:

Organiser: Michael C

Grace & Fellowship: James Luus

Sergeant: Liz Mackintosh

Andreas van Tonder, from Ikotwe Construction, will speak on the new development at the entrance to White River. (The burning question – is there a Woolies or not???)

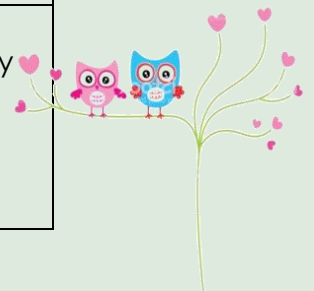
RI Official Exchange Rate:

February: \$1.00 = R13.80

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
29 Jan – Judy Pott 30 Jan – Albie v.d. Venter 31 Jan – Ian Donaldson 04 Feb – Christilda Luus 17 Feb – Joan van Zyl 24 Feb – Mary Sinclair	20 Feb – Patrick & Jacky



Rae Kirton kindly arranged that one of our wheelchairs was delivered to Mr Carlo Marucchi.

Hitesh also has some walking sticks available.
Liz would like them delivered to Masoyi, if anyone can help please let her know.



See what our
Club gets up to!



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