

# ROTAVISION

## Weekly Newsletter

### Rotary Club of White River



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#### Ren's Ramblings

Can you see the first tender signs of Spring outside? The Wild Pear and Bauhinia are flowering already, next will be the Tulip Tree- my favourite.

That means that the bees will be active again, which in turn starts the cycle of life again.

Fred Bence, a Bee keeper, brought home the importance and also the plight of bees to us last night. His enthusiasm was hard to stop, and the discussions carried on after the meeting.

This weekend we will be assisting with the Lowveld Book Festival. Please check your email for the Roster and put your name down to serve the community for 2 hours.

Do you know that we have a VIP at all our meetings? Our dear PP Frances is this year's AG!

Frances, we salute you and will in future, acknowledge your presence at our meetings.

Have a great week all.

**President Renate Bowers**

#### Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

- Visitors: Sarah Bergh, Fred Bence
- The roster for duties at the Lowveld Book Festival on Saturday and Sunday was circulated. Renate will also email it out to the Club. Our gazebo will be erected at the venue to optimise our exposure.
- Erik informed everyone that the invitations to the Wine Auction are being finalised. A meeting will be held on Wednesday at George's home to finish sorting the wine (hmm – will they be just sorting the wine?). A reminder that the Wine Auction takes place on the 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Winkler Hotel.
- Rotary Family Health Day has run into funding difficulties. The sponsors are not able to commit to national funding, and it has thus, sadly, been postponed to 2019.
- Today would have been Dan Peoples' 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Guest Speaker

The meeting was abuzz this week as **Fred Bence** gave us a presentation on the **future of honey bees in Mpumalanga**. The banning of certain insecticides has seen a positive increase in the survival of bees. Data collected has shown an improvement in yield (macadamias) with increased beehives present in the fields, which is good news for



farmers. At present White River has about 500 hives on farms, and to have a dependable honey bee population we need to aim for an additional 4000 hives in the next 4-5 years – some food for thought there! Interestingly there is not much indigenous food available for bees in the Lowveld during our summer months, and many hives abscond to our neighbouring Swaziland!



## Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

- Renate is happy her granddaughter did so well at her first Eisteddfod
- Frances is happy she and Brian are celebrating an Anniversary this week
- Kath is happy to be happy
- Hein is happy the Constitutional Court seems to have done the correct thing
- Ruffians are happy as usual

## The “usuals”

**Sergeant:** Today, being Left Hander's Day, Frances fined all right-handed Rotarians!

**Wine draw:** Don

**Attendance:** 84%

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
26 August – Sue Howland	16 August – Brian & Frances



## Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> August:

**Organiser:** Liz Mackintosh  
**Grace & Fellowship:** Luiza Ferreira  
**Sargent:** Mathew Mathai  
**Information:** Michael Cleary

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

**August: \$1.00 = R13.40**

What do bees do after they get married?

Go on a honeymoon

What is a bee's favourite sport?

Rugbee

What did the confused bee say?

To bee or not to bee

Where do bees go on holiday?

Singapore and Beejing



What do bees write on Valentine cards?

Honey Bee Mine ♥

See what our Club gets up to!



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