



10 February 2020

Albie's Rambles

Paul Harris and his business colleagues started Rotary because of their loneliness and lack of friendship and fellowship in the big city. I have often wondered whether younger people no longer feel the need for the friendship and fellowship that Rotary offers, hence their general disinterest in the organisation. Interestingly enough, a survey in the USA revealed that the millennials (ages 23 to 38) are the loneliest generation. The poll found that 30% of the millennials said they always or often feel lonely compared to just 15% of baby boomers (ages 55 to 75). One in five of the millennials said they had no friends.

Why, then, does the friendship that Rotary offers not seem to appeal to the younger generation? Don't think it is because they need friendship from only their peers. Although it's most common to socialize with peers, 37% of adults in the USA say they have a close friend who is at least 15 years older or younger than they are. 39% of boomers and 32% of millennials reported having such friendships.

I am left with the question: What sort of friendship and fellowship must Rotary (our club!) offer to attract younger people? The need is certainly there.

President Albie van de Venter

Meeting: 10 February

- Guests: Elsa Fryer and Angela de Gasperi.
- Renate did a check on Wine Auction ticket sales. Please remember to sell. We are also in need of a speedpoint, if you know of one we can use please let Renate know.
- The next Wine Show is scheduled for the 3rd & 4th April – tickets on sale. Remember we get a portion of the proceeds of tickets we sell.

- Tonight's meeting was Committee Feedback:
 - ✚ Club Services: Gavin has completed the March / April programme which will be emailed.
 - ✚ Foundation: Frances has made a barometer of Foundation contributions. Every Rotarian is asked to make a contribution every year towards Foundation – not necessarily \$100, any amount you feel you can contribute. March has 5 Mondays, and on the last Monday of March we will have a Curry Competition as a fundraiser for Foundation.
 - ✚ Membership: Ian reported that we have had 2 members inducted this Rotary Year, and another will be inducted at the end of this month. Sadly we have lost 5 Rotarians to the Club this year, for various reasons. Bring a friend to our meetings to see what we are doing – the Committees Feedback meeting is a good one to bring people to. George is investigating putting up noticeboards at the entrance of White River.
 - ✚ Fun and Fundraising: Renate has spoken about the upcoming Wine Auction and Wine Show. A golf day is being planned – help is needed. We will be having a car boot sale at the monthly Casterbridge market, please let Leon have anything you'd like to contribute, anything not needed at home anymore. Hein is looking into making a board for a Joker Draw. Pub Quiz and Donkey Derby's are in the pipeline. George is investigating having an “orange day” where the contributions go to Rotary.
 - ✚ Projects: Brian gave a run-down on the many projects we are involved in in the Club. Some of them are: Masoyi; painting of playground; Christmas parties; Rotary Family Health Day; Careers Day; Pack-a-bag Feed-a-family; SWEMBE; Kruger trip for Seniors; Mashadza; Camp Quality / work with oncology children; RYLA; Youth Exchange; Water project @ Guduza; we are looking at getting involved in a bicycle project.
 - ✚ Youth: Judy reported that her active committee is pursuing opening Interact at Curro and promoting it as well as Youth Exchange at the various local schools. Outbound YEX students will be giving us a talk on Monday 17th. RYLA is taking place 17 – 19 April and assistance will be requested from Rotarians. A possible fundraiser for Youth will be a “Come Dine With Me” event. Khensani has been doing wonders with promoting sport at Fundinjobo – yoga, volleyball as well as self-defence classes.
- Sarge this evening was Brian.
- Wine draw was won by Lindsey.

Frida the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards

Rotary's End Polio campaign



- ♥ Albie is happy that he is making gin;
- ♥ Leon is happy it rained.

RI Official Exchange Rate:

February: \$1.00 = R14.60

Next meeting 27 January

Next Monday is Youth Outbound Students Feedback evening

Organiser: Frances

Grace & Fellowship: Leon

Sergeant: Judy

Upcoming Events

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Thursday 13 th February	Board meeting
Friday 21 st February	Wine Auction Fundraiser
3rd & 4 th April	Wine Show
17 – 19 April	RYLA

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
4 th February – Christelda 17 th February – Joan 19 th February – Mariette 24 th February – May	20 th February – Patrick & Jackie



