



11 November 2019

Albie's Rambles

I have been battling to get information on **make-ups** on the web. There is nothing on this in the latest MOP or in Rotary's Code of Policies. One site I googled had guidelines but was obviously out of date because it still mentioned the 60% attendance rule. However, I know events that have always qualified for a make-up include committee and board meetings, participation in community and youth service activities and, of course, attendance of meetings of other Rotary clubs. I was surprised to see in the document I found that board approved social events also count!

A request to all our members is to **please report make-ups to the attendance officer** in time for Monday meetings. Seeing the attendance officer changes every month it may not be a bad idea to rather report make-ups on our club's whatsapp for the attendance officer to pick up. There are members who spend a significant amount of time on community and youth service and if they are unable to attend meetings it's only fair that their involvement in Rotary activities is reflected in make-ups.

As a PS: a make-up is not an excuse to miss a meeting, it substitutes when you are unable to attend!

President Albie van de Venter

Meeting: 11 November

- We held a moment's silence in memory of Rotarian Stoffel de Kock who sadly passed away last week. The Memorial Service will take place at 11h00 on Thursday in the NG Kerk.
- Guests: Dennis Wevell, Colin and Tania from Australia.

- Unfortunately rain washed out the Four-Way-Test competition prize giving at Flamboyant school (although we are so grateful for the rain!) so winners will be announced at a later stage.
- Albie thanked everyone for their input on “change” in the club, he is in the process of collating the results.
- Don had a meeting with Rowan Torr who would like to form a small committee of interested citizens. Please contact him if you are interested.
- In addition, Don shared the frightening news that the shothole borer has been found in Hoedspruit, which is not good news for our trees.
- Two Christmas parties took place last week – Millenium Home of Hope and Lula. The next Christmas parties will be at orphanages next week.
- Liz introduced Dennis Wevell, who is also in the Partners for Possibility programme. Dennis, who is the owner of our brand new Mugg & Bean, has partnered with the school principal at the John Mdhuli School in Mataffin. He has started, together with the Principal, an amazing project called the Hloni Bus, which aims to assist the teachers in developing each child to their fullest potential. As the teachers are under tremendous pressure, the hope is that smaller groups will have fun sessions in the bus where the children will be encouraged to read as well as learn English, equipping them to better cope in later years. The focus is on preparing the Grade R children for Gr 1. Buscor has donated a bus “trailer” and various educationalists are also on board. We wish you well Dennis – a great project!
- Sarge this evening was Hein.
- Wine draw was won by Tania from Australia.



RI Official Exchange Rate:

November: \$1.00 = R14.60

Frida the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards
Rotary's End Polio campaign



- ♥ Hein is happy he has new glasses;
- ♥ Dennis is happy as he has fond memories of his father as a Rotarian;
- ♥ Leon is grateful for the help with judging the artworks for the 4-Way-Test competition at Flamboyant;
- ♥ Ricky is happy Judy is in England (??😊)
- ♥ Mike L is happy to see Frida, and that he last saw polio in SA in 1994;
- ♥ Khensi is happy to be back from her trip;
- ♥ Joan is happy to have wonderful time with her Australian friends;
- ♥ Renate is happy we celebrated Poppy Day on Sunday – Renate laid a wreath on behalf of Rotary at the Remembrance Day parade.

Next meeting 11 November

Albie will be the speaker next week – something about bringing the right spirit to the meeting? Might it have something to do with distilling we wonder? Come to the meeting and you will find out.

Organiser: Liz

Grace & Fellowship: James


Sergeant: Adrian

Upcoming Events



Sunday 1 st December	Potjie Competition @ the Mullers
Monday 2 nd December	Annual Christmas Quiz
Friday 21 st February	Wine Auction Fundraiser

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
14 th November – Di 18 th November – Ricky 18 th November - Dot	27 th November – Ian & Lorna 

We fondly remember Stoffel, a long-standing member of our club.



Remembrance Sunday – wreath laying ceremony at the M.O.T.H. Hall



See what our Club gets up to!



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