

ROTAVISION

Weekly Newsletter

Rotary Club of White River



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Issue 13 – 15 October 2018

This edition is a bumper double edition. Due to our DG visit on Thursday last week we have decided to combine the 2 newsletters.

Ren's Ramblings

Thursday 11 October – DG visit

What a great meeting we had last night! 70% Attendance, thank you, Rotarians for making the **DG's meeting** special.

Charles's message to go paperless came through very strongly and I agree. We just have to become more computer literate, read our emails and Whatsapps at least once a day and only print documents if absolutely necessary – I was guilty as well and quickly hid my printed meeting organizer under the shopping bag



If you need help with any aspect of making your computer/smartphone work for you, please come forward and we will help you.

Some things just have to be printed however, like the books in the Books in Homes project.

Charles and Colleen were very impressed with this project, which our Rotary club started and successfully handed over to Penreach.

In a way, isn't becoming computer literate as an Adult like learning to read as a six-year old?

I leave you with this thought and wish you a great week.

Ren

Monday 15 October

How many of my fellow Rotarians thought that there was no meeting tonight, because of the extra meeting last Thursday ???

Looking at tonight's attendance, quite a few.

Well, we did have a meeting and a guest speaker. Estelle de Villiers illustrated the plight of the many neglected animals that arrive on a regular basis at the **SPCA White River** and the lack of funding thereof.

I couldn't promise her a new bakkie, which they desperately need, but I could offer her bags of Dog and Cat food for our monthly RAK & RAL.

Next week is Partners' evening and I'm sure I can rely on all of you to bring a bag for our monthly **Act Of Kindness?** – Just think of all those hungry, brown puppy eyes.

Talking about food - it concerns me that so few Rotarians have supper at our meetings, it's supposed to be a FELLOWSHIP meal and part and parcel of a Rotary meeting. Besides that, if we don't sell enough dinners, Ingwenyama will charge us venue hire, which will be added to our annual subs. The food is really good these days and I encourage you to partake.

More Food for Thought

Have a great week,

President Renate Bowers

Meeting: 11th October 2018-DG visit



- DG Charles and DGA Colleen Deiner were welcomed to the meeting. They spent the day visiting some of our projects.
- Welcome as well to the Nelspruit Rotary Club which joined our meeting today.
- Rob reported back on SWEMBE. We had 29 guests and all seemed to have a wonderful week at Badplaas. Thanks to June for all her hard work.
- Some members brought food items for the Fill-a-Bag Feed-a-Family scheme which we support – many thanks.
- We are pursuing a possible partnership for a Global Grant for our proposed honey bee project.
- Renate showed DG Charles the cloth shopping bags project which are being made by our Club in an effort to make White River plastic bag free.
- Hennie de Lange, President of Nelspruit Club, gave a background on Nelspruit Club's activities the past year, and outlined the projects they have embarked on. He also thanked White River for our assistance during their rocky period.

- DG Charles addressed the Club.
 - He and Colleen visited SWEMBE with Canadian Rotarians, and he is pursuing a Global Grant to assist with the project.
 - The Environment is high on Rotary's agenda, and as such we have all been urged to go paperless.
 - As DG Charles said – *My Rotary is your profile!* It is up to all of us to ensure our details are kept updated on *My Rotary* as this is Rotary International's only means of accessing accurate information on members. If you have not updated your details on *My Rotary* do so now – it takes a couple of minutes! All info is on www.rotary.org. After all, Rotary **is** its members. On that note, please all read emails sent through from District!
 - There are 3 main areas we should concentrate on this year: Membership, Services and PR.
 - A District Strategic Plan meeting is scheduled for 01 December.
- DGA Colleen introduced TIA Bear and briefly outlined the project, which she has discussed with the Anns. Thank you to Mary for your home made teddy, which will be raffled to raise funds.
- Gavin was the Sergeant this evening and challenged the Club with Rotary acronyms.
- Wine draw was won by Joop Huiskamp from Nelspruit.
- Renate reminded the Board of the meeting next Thursday.



Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards
Rotary's *End Polio* campaign



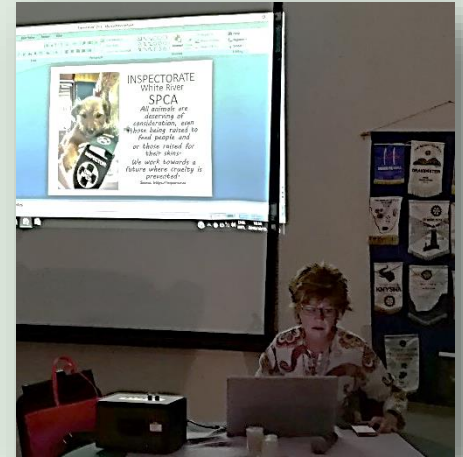
- DG Charles is happy to have seen our projects
- Huffy is happy his son arrived unexpectedly from France
- DGA Colleen is happy the Rotary Anns made 20 teddy bears
- Kath is happy for Frances' help this evening
- Janine is happy to be in White River tonight
- Michael W is happy his son turned 21
- Leon is happy he is doing his own cooking while Jacki is away
- Michael (from Switzerland) is happy to have launched the first SA / Swiss teacher training co-operation

Meeting: 15 October

- We have just been notified of a Foundation, Membership and Youth Exchange seminar this Saturday at the Barnyard. All Rotarians are invited.
- Arie Muller is having extra treatment – please think of him.
- George has sourced a pump for the water well at Katoen.
- The final orientation for the outgoing Exchange Students has taken place. We have 6 children taking part this year. Judy is also looking for someone to take over the Youth Exchange project.



- Estelle de Villiers from the SPCA was our guest this evening. As we all know, it is not easy to raise funds in a small community like White River. Their monthly expenses are in the region of R60 000. The major crisis at the moment is the SPCA's need for a reliable vehicle as they service a large area from Msholozhi, as far as Sabie and Hazyview). Leon van Zyl kindly donated R5000 (via Old Mutual Foundation) to the SPCA.



- Sergeant this evening was Hitesh.
- Charlie the Pig was absent this evening, but Leon is happy that Dean made the KZN U17 cricket squad.
- A reminder that World Polio Day is on the 24th October.
- Wine draw was won by Estelle.

RI Official Exchange Rate:

October: \$1.00 = R14.30

Next meeting 22nd October:

Partners Evening

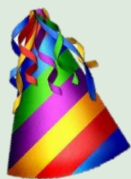
As your **Random Act of Kindness** you are encouraged to bring along some dog food to donate to the SPCA.

Organiser: James

Grace: Ian

Sergeant: Anns

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays	Anniversaries
1 October – Frances Hyson 8 October – Hein Gehle 10 October – Warren Boden 17 October – Huffy Pott & Debbie Schlosser	14 October – Janet & Hans 25 October – Don & Rita

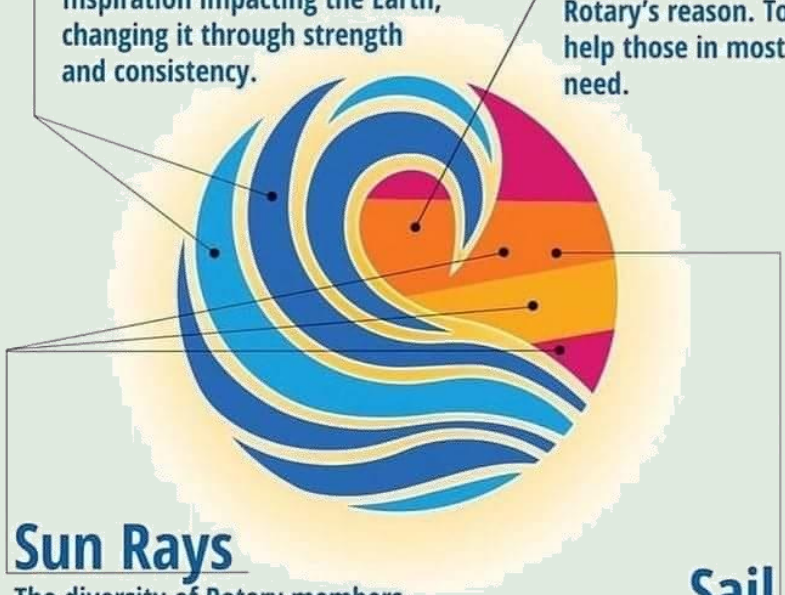


Wave

Inspiration impacting the Earth, changing it through strength and consistency.

Heart

Empathy, the core of Rotary's reason. To help those in most need.



Sun Rays

The diversity of Rotary members. Different cultures, skills, and backgrounds that unite.

Sail

The intrinsic direction of Rotary Club, where we are going, and what our goals are

The meaning of the various parts in Rotary International President Barry Rassin's 2018/19 Presidential Theme logo

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See what our Club gets up to!



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