



Ren's Ramblings

I write my ramblings today with one laughing and one crying eye.

In the last two weeks we mourned the passing of Arie Müller and Rob Sykes. They were longstanding and valuable members of our club and will be missed sorely. May they rest in peace.

To Angela and June, please know that you are always welcome at our meetings and fellowships.

As for the good news: our club is getting so busy right now, no sign of the Christmas wind-down.

The **Speech competition** at Uplands was a brilliant effort by Gr.7 pupils of 4 different schools to bring their point of view across on their chosen topic.

I attended the **Foundation seminar** in Pretoria last Saturday. It was very well presented, and I learned a lot. Our club is now qualified to apply for DDF and Global Funds. Let's get to work!!

The **Christmas parties** at Millennium Home of Hope (today) and Lula Orphanage (Tomorrow) are happening and you are very welcome to join.

On Sunday we are invited to attend the **Remembrance Day** parade at the M.O.T.H. Hall in White River at 10:15.

I am looking forward to the presentation of Gus Mills next Monday, it will be a lengthy one, but I'm sure everyone will enjoy it immensely.

One of the club's highlights, the '**Arie Müller Potjie Competition**' is taking place on the 25th November. Please put a team together, or just bring your plate, spoon and drinks and help eat all the delicious food.

Whew, that's it. Have a great week in the Service of Rotary.

Ren

President Renate Bowers

Meeting: 05 November

- Guests: Rebecca Green
- Jackie Robson is in hospital with Malaria – get well soon.
- Frances gave feedback on the Rotary Uplands Inter-Schools Speech Competition.
- Erik reminded everyone of the potjie competition being held on the 25th November at George and Di's home. Involve your families and let's have lots of teams competing!
- AG Frances has urged everyone to download the District 9400 app onto their phones – only digital directories are available. It is quick and easy to do , simply search for District 9400 on your Play Store (on your cell phone, that is 😊)
- Hitesh handed over a banner on behalf of the Indian / District 9400 Friendship tour.
- A note from Ingwenyama: meal price has been increased to R65.
- Wine draw won by: Debbie

Upcoming happenings:

- **5 Nov** – Christmas party at Millenium Home of Hope
- **6 Nov** – Christmas party at Lula Orphanage
- **8 Nov** – Board meeting
- **11 Nov** – Remembrance Day Wreath laying ceremony at Moth Hall
- **25 Nov** – Arie Muller Potjiekos Competition

The usual meeting meeting over, we broke for the **Assembly:**

- We held an Assembly today, the minutes will be sent out separately. Briefly, the following were ratified:
 - Signatories for the Club;
 - Ficuciary for the PBO;
 - Jacques Jenssen fund incorporated into our Market fund.
- Leon gave an update on the Rotary Club of White River Educational Trust Fund:
 - Figures to date were presented (including beneficiaries of the fund and amounts owing);
 - Flamboyant School annual contribution has been approved to the value of R40 000;
 - Legality of educational loan vs consumer act has been clarified with a lawyer.



Liz hosted the Indian Friendship
Exchange to District 9400

Hosted for dinner by Neha and Hitesh



Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

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

- Charlie's mom was back this week! Welcome back from your ramblings Joan.
- Ricky advised us that Judy is away for 2 weeks, that is not why he's happy though!
- Hitesh is happy it is Diwali and the Hindu New Year Festival this week;
- Erik is happy his twins had their birthday yesterday;
- Renate added the money collected for World Polio Day on the 24th October;
- Leon is happy the Educational Trust Fund is running well;
- Joan is happy her granddaughter was awarded Penryn Honours.



RI Official Exchange Rate:

October: \$1.00 = R14.40

Next meeting 12th November:

Guest Speaker – Dr Gus Mills.

Gus, now retired, spent his career as a researcher in both the Kgalagadi and Kruger National Parks. He is an excellent speaker with lots of interesting experiences to relate. Be sure not to miss his presentation titled "Reflections of a Carnivore Biologist". The presentation will take about 40 minutes so expect the meeting to be longer than usual. Anns and partners are welcome.

Organiser: Leon van Zyl

Grace: Debbie

Sergeant: Luiza

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
10 November – Debbie van Rooyen 11 November – Kobus van Rooyen 14 November – Di Muller 18 November – Ricky Pott / Dot Weir	27 November – Ian & Lorna



Rob, you were one of a kind

A man of many parts

By Gavin Sinclair

Rob was a friend of a great many folk,
Well loved he was and a jolly good 'oke'.
Busy, involved in diverse enterprises
A man of good humour and many surprises
From poetry to Probus and much in between,
A historical interest and on wild life keen.
At bridge about bidding and doubling knew much,
Of pre-empts, finessing and conventions and such.
A reader of books and the paper as well
In all things political his knowledge excelled.
Animal lover of note, retired veterinarian,
Hospice as well, and the best of Rotarians.
President, AG, he'd take on the task,
Volunteering for projects - you had only to ask.
To Badplaas he'd take all the folks on the bus
Without any worries, without any fuss.
When they climbed on the bus he would help all the ladies
Some muttered and said that his motives were shady!
Talking of ladies – imagine the scene,
In the pool a bevy of ladies was seen.
But wait just a moment – I think one's a man,
Rob was the lucky one who'd come up with a plan.
And at times we were worried, yes, more than a few,
He would go to the ladies when he wanted the loo!
But jokes put aside, when all's said and done,
There's no doubt about it, he loved only one,
He admired her and praised her to the stars and the moon,
Married fifty-four years to his charming wife June.

