



18 March 2019

### Ren's Ramblings

34% - no, not another increase in the Fuel price, this was last night's attendance figure (this did not include make-ups – remember to report a make-up!) A few members sent apologies and I'm sure the others had good reasons not to be at the meeting, but I was very disappointed, especially as we had a very important matter to discuss:

**Cyclone 'Idai'** has wreaked havoc in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Hundreds of lives lost, houses and bridges washed away and masses of people left homeless.

AG Frances made contact with DG Charles and after a brief discussion, the club decided on how we can help with the Disaster Relief. **R30 000 will be sent to District to donate a Water Filtration plant**, which will be of benefit to the people for a long time after the Floods and R30 000 to help Mercy Air with the cost of Fuel. There will also be a drive for clothes, shoes and household goods to be sent to the disaster areas via **Mercy Air**.

The force of Nature can be terrifying and we stand in awe of the destruction it can leave behind. It can happen anywhere and at any time, so let's stand together and help those who cannot help themselves any more. Your contribution is important.

Have a good week,

Ren

**Ren**

**President Renate Bowers**

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In this manner our work will be known to those outside the Club as well

## Meeting: 22 March

- Erik reminded everyone to sell, sell, sell Wine Show Tickets!
- A reminder of the Mad Hatters Brunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- Discon is coming up – make sure you have registered.
- The devastating Cyclone Idai took up much of the meeting today, with discussions on how we, as a Club, can effectively help out our neighbours. Our AG Frances Hyson has been in contact with District, and we have decided to assist with a water relief project – this will provide long term water relief. We will also be donating towards fuel costs for Mercy Air, who are doing amazing relief work in the cyclone destroyed areas.
- We will be donating blankets in winter again.
- We were updated on Liz's Lego project, which was received via District. We have been able to reach about 6 800 children in 7 schools with this project, which is fantastic.

## Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards  
Rotary's End Polio campaign

- Frances is happy she had a wonderful trip to Vic Falls, although it is super expensive as everything is costed in US dollars! A watermelon costs R650 !!
- Leon is happy Dean is home.
- Joan is happy as she will be challenging Leon with her grandson's cricket results.
- Janet is happy her grandchildren will be visiting for the weekend.
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## Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March:

**Partners' Evening – Renate Stewart will be our guest speaker**

**Organiser:** Luiza

**Grace & Fellowship:** Rebecca

**Sergeant:** Anns

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

March: \$1.00 = R14.00

## Forthcoming Attractions

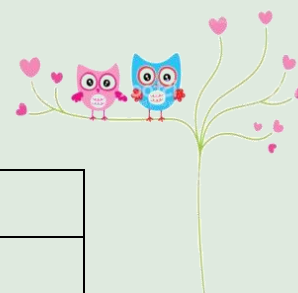
Sell wine show tickets!!!

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mpumalanga Wine Show @ Emnotweni
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Swedish Friendship Exchange visit
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	RCWR President's Induction Dinner
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	DG's visit

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
21 Mar – Leon van Zyl 29 Mar – Gavin Sinclair	



### Make-ups:

Please remember to let Janet know if you cannot make a meeting and have a make-up!

A make-up comprises of any Rotary related work that you have been involved in, within 2 weeks of a meeting. For example: work on a project, Rotary meeting etc

See what our  
Club gets up to!



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