



19 August 2019

Albie's Rambles

I ask myself whether the Rotary Club of White River has changed much since I became a member in 2002. I don't think it has, not significantly anyway.

The second question is: should it be changing? No doubt the answer is yes, we have to adapt to the times – times during which change around us is taking place exponentially. If we don't we will eventually shrink and die.

The third question is the difficult one: what are the changes we need to make? We will soon have to address this very difficult question and I'm not quite sure how we are going to go about it.

We will have to be both clever and wise to make the right choices. If you want to know the difference between the two, consider the words of British journalist Miles Kington: Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

When we come to consider the whole question of membership and change, we will have to be careful not to put tomatoes in our fruit salad!

President Albie van de Venter

Meeting: 19 August

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Nic and Joan.
- **Senior Citizen's trip to the Kruger Park** on Sunday. The bus will depart Macadamia at 06h00. Tea and lunch will once again be at the Skukuza Golf Club. For those assisting with the braaing at lunch time please be there by 11h30. Please remember to bring your own meat to braai (chicken sosaties will be provided) and own crockery, cutlery etc. You may not bring your own drinks – please buy from the Golf Club.
- The **Exchange Student's dinner** went off well last week, it was a great function by all accounts.

- Erik and Albie are off to Naas again on Friday to attend a **Rotary Family Health Day** organising meeting with the Dept of Health and other NGOs. Erik will give a presentation on the role of Rotary to those at the meeting.
- We have requested assistance with banners and advertising pamphlets etc for the RFHD from District.
- **SWEMBE** takes place 29 Sep – 06 Oct. There are still about 8 places left. If you know of anyone that would like to attend, the cost is R2200 per person sharing and R2900 for a single room, all meals and activities included for the whole week.
- The Board has decided to change the **Attendance Officer role**, and all members will take a turn working at the front for 1 month at a time. First volunteers are Debbie for September, and James for October. Please let Albie know when you'd like to volunteer (or else you shall be volunteered 😊).
- Adrian has emailed the **Rotary subs invoice** to all members.
- **Renate was out member speaker today**, and gave an account of her life growing up in Germany. She met her South African husband of German descent in Germany and they moved to South Africa. Renate has been a member of our Club since 2001.
- Sergeant tonight was Luiza!
- Wine draw won by Huffy

RI Official Exchange Rate:

August: \$1.00 = R14.20

Next meeting 26 August

Partner's meeting – Louise Williamson will be giving a talk

Organiser: Michael Cleary

Grace & Fellowship: Michael C

Sergeant: Anns

Upcoming Events

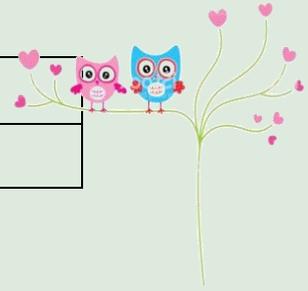
Sunday 25 th August	Seniors Trip to the Kruger Park
Thursday 12 th September	Rotary Public Speaking competition @ Uplands Prep
Wed 2 nd – Fri 4 th October	Rotary Family Health Day
Monday 7 th October	DG's visit

**UPCOMING
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays	Anniversaries
26 August – Sue Howland	



Macadamia Frail Care
White River

Grateful recipients of Orthopaedic cushions which were distributed recently



Herfsakker Retirement Village

Hospice Nelspruit



See what our Club gets up to!



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