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Ren's Ramblings

Music- the universal language. Like laughter, music is understood everywhere in the world. Soft, loud, happy, sad, all emotions can be transmitted by music.

Children respond to music from earliest childhood and it contributes to their development.

Some are blessed with more talent than others and they are supported by Music schools or, like in White River, our very Music Development Academy.

I invite you to attend their next performance and experience the different styles and talents displayed by the young musicians.

The band played at the last District Conference and all delegates loved them and called for Encores.

I salute Frances for her dedication to give these talented students so much support.

Have a great week,

Ren

President Renate Bowers

Meeting: 21 January

- Renate and George will be meeting with an accountant with regards to the **PBO**.
- All in order for the **Latvians'** arrival on the 7th February.
- Our calico "**Bye Bye Plastic**" **bags** will be sold at the Casterbridge Market on Saturday – we will be sharing a stand with Brian's chocolates, yum!
- Conference time again. This year's **Discon** takes place from 14 – 16 June in Middelburg. Emails have been sent to all Rotarians to register. It can all be done online.
- **Uplands Interact** is up and running, under the guidance of Ashleigh Ernstzen, teacher at Uplands College.
- Michael Wagner has been in conversation with the Rotary Club of Coto de Caza / Rancho Santa Santa Margarita del Sol, and they are interested in partnering with us for a **Global Grant**, in a **water project**. They have already contributed towards the

water project at Mapakhama and the JD Weir Well. Michael will continue the conversation with them.

- June has returned Rob Sykes' **wooden spoon** to the Club.
- Frances gave the Club insight into the CMDA – **Casterbridge Music Development**



Academy. The ultimate aim is for students to take their place in the music world. There are 3 hubs, apart from Casterbridge, in the rural areas. A lot of good is done at the CMDA, but as with most development academies, funding is a huge challenge. To raise funds, and build up the student's music repertoire and expose them to the public, 2 music shows will take place a month at the Barnyard Theatre at Casterbridge. Please tell you friends about this – they need our community's support.

- A bottle of cognac was auctioned – and the lucky bidder was Adrian.
- Dot, our marvelous Sargent, entertained us again tonight.
- Wine draw won by Janet.



Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

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



- George is happy that all seems to have gone well with Di's op. He also thanked everyone for their concern and messages.
- Huffy is happy they have finally moved house!
- Brian is happy that Warren kindly picked up his chocolate order in Johannesburg.
- Mary is happy her grandson in the UK turned 6 today.
- Kath is happy to have attended a lovely family reunion.
- Leon is happy that Dean arrived in Pietermaritzburg safely, after falling asleep on the bus and waking up in Durban!

Next meeting 5th February:

Organiser: Kath

Grace & Fellowship: Judy

Sergeant: Michael W

Information: Luiza

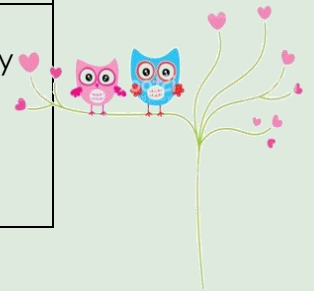
RI Official Exchange Rate:

February: \$1.00 = R13.80

Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
29 Jan – Judy Pott 30 Jan – Albie v.d. Venter 31 Jan – Ian Donaldson 04 Feb – Christilda Luus 17 Feb – Joan van Zyl 24 Feb – Mary Sinclair	20 Feb – Patrick & Jacky



IT IS COMPETITION TIME!



We are looking for a name for the Orangutan mascot (the one on the left, that is).

Have you a suggestion for his / her name?

And a change of clothing would be wonderful – anyone fancy being an Orangutan designer?

The winner gets a cuddle!

See what our
Club gets up to!



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