



29 April 2019

### Ren's Ramblings

We welcomed a new Rotarian into our club last night: Mariette Venter, I wish you a happy and productive time in our Rotary family!

Of course, we also welcomed our Anns and 2 visitors, Marietjie and Christina.

What a pleasure it was, listening to Les Carlisle talking about his passion: Wildlife conservation and in particular Animal re-location. The concept of generating funds from overseas tourists to make possible the re-location of Rhino in particular is brilliant. Here the lodge owners plough back a good part of their profit into conservation and the education of the next generation. - Just imagine: It costs \$45 000 to relocate ONE Rhino by helicopter onto a remote island, out of reach from poachers!

Les was also quite clear on his take of Rhino horn trade: Legalize it and thereby take the value out of it. After all, it's a renewable resource and if Rhino in the conservation areas were dehorned once a year and the horn sold on the international market, not only would the poaching decrease, but the money generated could be used for conservation and education.



Welcome to Rotary  
Mariette!

Have a great week,

**Ren**

**President Renate Bowers**

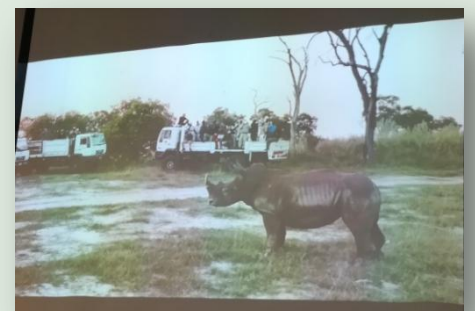
## Meeting: 29 April

- Guests: Christina Turning, Marietjie Hildebrand and our guest speaker tonight: Les Carlisle.
- It was wonderful to induct Mariette Venter into the Rotary family. Welcome Mariette!
- A reminder of the Board meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Newtons in Mataffin.
- Erik brought us up to date with our latest cyclone: with money donated by the visiting Swedish Rotarians we have been able to purchase an additional 20 000 sachets of *WaterMaker* water purification tables. These will deliver 400 000 litres of clean water! The cyclone may have passed, but the devastation has long term effects and funds are still desperately needed.
- The Swedish Rotarians have also donated two bags of medical equipment – thank you.
- The Barndance fundraiser date is still to be finalised, but promises to be a great family affair. Date has been set for the 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Wine draw was won by Liz.

## Guest Speaker: Les Carlisle



Les Carlisle is the the Group Conservation Manager of tourism company &Beyond and is also heavily involved in Rhinos Without Borders. It is interesting to note that without luxury tourism, and the money it brings in, there would not be the money necessary for conservation and the costly measures that are necessary to protect our wildlife. Apart from Africa, Les is involved in conservation work in Asia and South America.



## Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May:

**Organiser:** Janet

**Grace & Fellowship:** Netto

**Sergeant:** Hein

**Information:** Gavin

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

**March: \$1.00 = R14.50**

## Forthcoming Attractions

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Barndance @ Barnyard
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	RCWR President's Induction Dinner
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	DG's visit

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

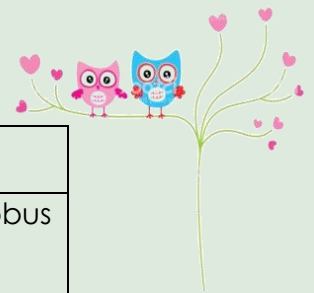


### Birthdays

4 May – Don Priest  
 19 May – Marie Lewis  
 21 May – Janet Baumgart  
 23 May – Nic van Zyl  
 26 May – Michael Cleary

### Anniversaries

31 May – Debbie & Kobus



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