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Ren's Ramblings

Are Rotary clubs and Rotarians perceived as elitist? Are we elitist?

Brian's information last night gave me food for thought. Why do we need Lions and Round Table AND Rotary clubs, if we all do the same: Serving the Community.

After all, as Brian said, we are friends and neighbours getting together trying to make our world a better place.

I think this would be a good topic for another chat over a glass of your favourite beverage.

At last night's meeting we welcomed quite a number of guests and it was lovely to see how they interacted with the members. Let us encourage our friends and neighbours to come to a meeting and hopefully they will enjoy themselves enough to stay.

Have a great week,

Ren

President Renate Bowers

Meeting: 14 January

- Guests: Tara, Stefan and Christiaan; Uwe & Maggie; Wendy.
- Renate reminded the Board of the meeting on Thursday at Judy Pott's home.
- Leon is enquiring of the developers of the new mall in White River whether we would be able to erect a wishing well & Four Way Test as a way of raising Rotary awareness.
- We were reminded that the beautiful Speaker's Bags that Neha sews are a project that was initiated by PP Andrew Middleton (now in Australia). It is filled with books and distributed to children in our outlying communities. Liz reported that they are so excited to receive these.
- The Latvian Friendship Exchange is visiting our region in Feb, and require accommodation on the 7th Feb. Please speak to Huffy if you can help.
- We have another 45 Bye Bye Plastic Bags for sale at R25 each.

- Michael Wagner visited Maphakama this week and reported that a new JoJo water tank was erected, with funding received from an American Club. Assistance is needed to replace taps – so if anyone could help with plumbing services please speak to Michael.
- The next Careers Day takes place at Fundinjobo next school term. Let Judy know if you are interested in being a career expert / advisor.
- James has been contacted again regarding a Dutch project. To be discussed at the Board meeting.
- Huffy gave an overview of the Battle of Bergendal. Many of us drive past the monument on our way to Johannesburg, and it was good to get the history. It was the scene of the last set battle of the Boer War.
- Don was the Sargeant.
- Wine Draw won by Ian.

Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

Money collected goes towards
Rotary's End Polio campaign



- Huffy is happy he's moving to a smaller house.
- Renate is happy to have welcomed so many visitors tonight.
- Michaels is happy he has started a new job as in IT consultant.
- Leon is happy as there is no profit in being unhappy!
- Tara is happy they have moved to a new house.

Next meeting 21st January:

Organiser: George

Grace & Fellowship: Gavin

Sargeant: Janet

Information: Ian

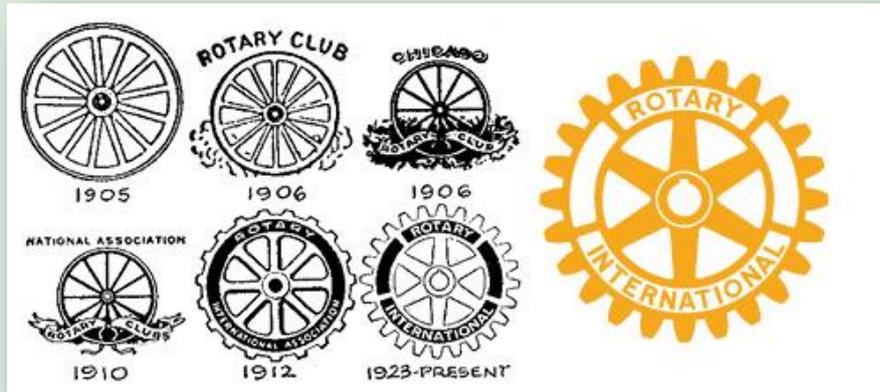
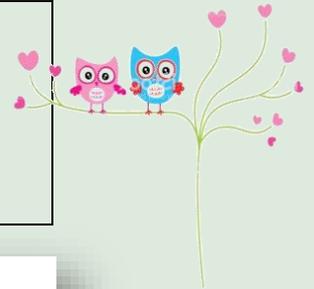
RI Official Exchange Rate:

January: \$1.00 = R14.35

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays	Anniversaries
13 Jan – Erik Howland 16 Jan – Hilda Maluleka 29 Jan – Judy Pott 30 Jan – Albie v.d. Venter 31 Jan – Ian Donaldson	1 Jan – Leon & Jackie 7 Jan – Adrian & Antjie



WHY IS OUR LOGO A WHEEL

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion.

The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians.

Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the centre of the gear to attach it to a power shaft.

So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

See what our
Club gets up to!



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