



## Rotavision The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of White River



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### **Patrick: On my soapbox**

Of Chains and Gongs.

It seems to be a tradition for one Rotary Club to 'raid' another. In a 'raid' several members of one club 'gatecrash' another's meeting. The polite thing to do is to warn the club that you are coming even to the extent of sending out notices in advance. I

have been unable to find out the origin of this practice and the Rotary website is silent on this form of fellowship. Perhaps some of you know more about it. Googling "Rotary club raiding" shows a strong bias towards South African clubs. Anyway our parent club, Nelspruit, raided us some weeks back and during the meeting it was noted that our chain of office had disappeared. If Nelspruit's Facebook can be believed, it was found at the roadside being looked after by a teddybear. The following week we raided a Nelspruit meeting and their gong disappeared in a capacious handbag. Of course neither president knew anything about the whereabouts of the other's property but it was suggested that Nelspruit should visit us to share an Ingwenyama chicken leg and exchange trophies. This seemed less than tempting and after a prolonged standoff secret agents met in the parking lot of Kiaat Hospital – neutral ground – and unmarked parcels were exchanged. Luckily neither was arrested for drug trafficking. Now at least I shall be properly attired for next week's induction of new members.

I had begun to doubt the accuracy of Norwegian weather forecasting. They told us that the rain would stop before midnight on Saturday and that the Spring Brunch would be held in soft spring sunshine. Armed with this knowledge the Anns refused to reschedule. Well we did have some moments of sunshine and we were able to move out onto the Howland's lawn! The Anns provided and the Rotarians cooked and it doubled up as a birthday party for Mike Lewis and Hunter Wagner. Overall it was a wonderful success. Congratulations Anns! It may interest you to know that we have had more rain this September than any – bar one – in the last seven years. That is, since accurate records have been kept.

### **Monday's meeting – 2015**

**Guests:** Octavia Theledi, Thabiso Malupe, Simon Sutherland

**What happened?**

Swembe: kicks off on Sunday. The bus will leave at 9:30 am. A couple of Rotarians are required to assist the old folk on to the bus.

Hoedspruit: There are now about 20+ members interested in joining Rotary in Hoedspruit so they can now go ahead with their charter. They helped run the Kruger to Canyon cycle race which had about 75 people taking part.

Michael W gave a very interesting talk about how to achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellows in our club, using club points as well as cash donations to the Foundation. He gave a brief history of the Foundation and what it spends money on and then explained how we could become a 100% club ( not too many of them in South Africa) This is a great incentive for giving to the Foundation. Money donated to the Foundation comes back to our club in the form of district or global grants.

**Wine draw:** Brian won the wine draw.

**Sergeant:** In the absence of Malcolm, Brian was press – ganged (by his wife) into being the sergeant for us.

**Pretty Belinda:**

- ✚ Nic – great companion in the Seychelles
- ✚ Tony – good to be here still
- ✚ Gavin - back home and R10 is R10 not 50p!
- ✚ Erik – going to be a granddad again
- ✚ Leon – his son has arrived safely in Australia with the Junior Proteas



**Attendance:** 60% attendance

**Next week's duties:**

- Organizer: Renate
- Grace and Fellowship: Ronald
- Sergeant: Anns

**Lots of people missing this week- we missed you!**

Warren	Cheryl	Malcolm
Michael C	Ronald	Peter
Kosy	Netto	Hitesh



Arie            George        Huffy  
Patrick R      Rob            Llew  
JD



*Netto Maluka and Neha  
Motiram - 24<sup>th</sup> September*

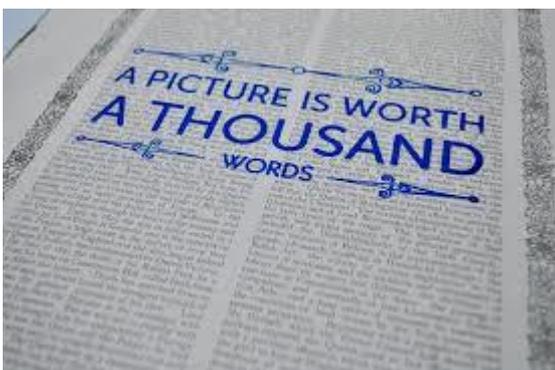
## Telling our stories

It was a chilly, wet Sunday morning and the Rotarians of the White River Club gathered to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Spring? Felt a bit like midwinter again. But, the rain did hold off and everyone was in high spirits and thoroughly enjoyed the annual Spring Brunch. As usual, the Anns prepared most of the food, set the tables and generally made the area look spring like and then the Rotarians moved in with skottles and bedecked in an array of aprons to actually cook the food. Soon the air was filled with the aroma of sizzling bacon and sausages and food was served.



The annual Spring Brunch has been held for many years – started by Erik and sue Howland. It has also been held in the Pott's garden, in Ethne's garden as well as at Heuglins, but most often in the peaceful garden of the Howlands.

It is a great fellowship event and is enjoyed by all every year.





# *On the lighter side*

Oh dear, oh dear! What a tragedy for our national team!

Did you know that Sunday was deemed to be Sushi Sunday?

