



Rotary Club
White River
Mpumalanga



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From the Editor

In the mid-18th century, Benjamin Franklin wrote: "When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

Right now, in the 21st century, many of us take water for granted because we have been fortunate to live in places where clean water is plentiful. But that's not the case for millions of

others around the world. The United Nations estimates that 2 billion people — about 1 in 4 people on the planet — lack safely managed drinking water. Just under half of the world's population lives without access to safely managed toilets and sanitation systems, and nearly a third lacks basic handwashing stations with soap and clean water.

Isn't it astounding that, in an age of advanced technology, we still haven't managed to guarantee the necessities of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to so many?

Rotary is doing something about it; WASH projects are among the most funded within our areas of focus: Since 2014, Rotary clubs have carried out more than 2,100 global grants related to WASH by using \$154 million in Foundation funding, impacting countless people.

The theme of World Water Day, March 22, is *Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible*. To celebrate this theme a webinar on water boreholes will be held in collaboration with the WASH Rotary Action Group on Saturday 19th March. The objective is to inform Rotarians and Rotary Clubs about water boreholes and what a borehole project entails to provide water to needy communities. Time – 2pm South African time. You should have received an invitation to this webinar.



The Rotary Anns

We are still meeting regularly on the first Thursday of the month and we all enjoy the fellowship of the meetings.

We must be one of the biggest Anns clubs in the district with 17/18 members.

We have not been very busy this month, although some of our group have still been going to Millennium Home of Hope to play with the children.



We had a variety of Member- and guest speakers, Dr. Gundula Koethnig on Leprosy, Keith

Kirton on Diabetes, Philip Moufarrage on Macadamia farming, Les Carlisle on Game translocation and on "funny thing happened at work today" like transporting lions in a little Cessna airplane and

having a lion by the tail!

Frances and Brian gave us a lovely Christmas Quiz to end the year.

Valentine's Day brought out the Bards in some of us and Gavin walked away with a well- deserved prize for his poem.

We changed from only having Zoom meetings to face to face meetings 3 times a month at Gumtreez and one Zoom meeting.

We are looking into the possibility of having hybrid meetings, so nobody will feel left out.

I'm sure, most of you have an interesting, funny or special friend who would love to share his/her story with the club.

Please give me their details so I can invite them to a meeting .

Renate Bowers

Gavin's Prize winning Valentine's poem

A Rotary Love Poem.

I love all of our Rotary girls,
Those with straight hair, those with curls.
Some with blonde hair, and some with grey
I love them all at the end of the day
First must be Frances, I know her the best,
But there's two Debbies and Liz, Kath and the rest.
And Penny of course with a great sense of humour
I love them all, it isn't a rumour
Renate's a blonde, Janet's brunette
Elsa's the nicest girl I've ever met!
But what about Adrienne she is so kind
If you didn't admire her you'd have to be blind!
Don't tell George but I do fancy Di,
And Sue as well, that is no lie!
Mariette's full of laughs, and Lindsey is fun,
Maybe Joan or Judy or Neha's the one
Let's not leave out Lorna, she sure is a pleaser;



And also remember that dark haired Luiza.

Christilda, Marie and Dot are all Anns

And I am one of their greatest of fans

Could I forget June – no never of course!

I'd shout out my love until I was hoarse!

Yes I do love them all, they're pretty and cheery.

But I have to admit that my favourite is Mary!



MSHADZA SPECIAL CARE

We still plan on submitting a proposal for a District Grant, with Albie's help, for improvements at the Centre. We will also be receiving R150 000 from Swiss donors, probably for upgrading the vegetable garden. They will also supplement the staff's wages with effect from the beginning of April. We are waiting for a proposal from Dr Gerhard

Viljoen of the University of Mpumalanga on how to make the vegetable garden more productive, with the help of Agricultural students, as well as post-graduate interns. Mariette has always offered help and advice.

MILLENNIUM HOME OF HOPE

The Anns continue to go to the Centre at least once a week to provide the kids with love, attention and stimulation. Two Swiss students have applied to volunteer at the Centre in April and August.

ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY

Erik is the champion for this project, locally and regionally, and plans are progressing well for the next one day event in March.

CAMP QUALITY

We are looking at the possibilities of resurrecting Camp Quality which was always our flagship project. This might be with CHOC, as in the past, and possibly in conjunction with the Just Footprints Foundation. We will also re-open a conversation we had pre-Covid with Dr Andre Hattingh of Paediatric Care to work with local children with different illnesses.

WHITE RIVER NATURE RESERVE

We took part in a successful clean-up day last month. An educational project is planned; we will invite Grade 7 pupils from schools in the immediate area to do a walk at the Reserve, and then make their own bird feeders to take home with them, filled with bird seed.



Membership report

We have three suitable persons with whom we are liaising and who are interested in joining our Club.

A comparison on our membership in January 2011 compared to our current membership is as follows:

January 2011: 39 members

January 2022: 32members

Of the 39 members in 2011 25 persons are no longer members of our Club.

The reasons for leaving the club: 40% transferred to other regions, 28% resignations and 32% deceased.

Any Club member, who has a colleague or friend who may be interested in joining our Club, please invite this person to social functions or Rotary meetings.



FUN AND FUND RAISING

Our Committee met and shared our thoughts for projects as well as having some good fellowship.

The First thing was the Motor Treasure Hunt.

This took place on the 20th of February, after our meeting. Renate put in a huge amount of work and from what we have heard it was great fun.

Unfortunately, very few of us took part. This was disappointing and will need to be discussed at our next meeting. Was it poor marketing, are we too busy or is it a "not bothered" attitude.

The Potjie Competition will take place at the home of Di and George Muller on the 10th of April. Please let's have a good number of teams and come prepared for a day of fun and laughter.

It was mooted that at the end of March a fund raiser should take place. Much discussion around this took place. Eri offered to contact Pretoria Boys High with a view to the band doing a concert. Erik has come back with the news that this would not be feasible due to the schools work load. We may now look to local acts. Another subject to be discussed at our next meeting.

The major fund raiser of the year has been confirmed. A golf day will take place on the 27th of May. We already have the major sponsor and all members will be asked to support this project.

There should be more fun projects to come before the end of the Rotary year, but for these to be a success we need members participation.

By the way, any member is welcome to join our Committee meetings!



Official rate of exchange for February:
\$1.00 = R15.16

March birthdays

Adrian – 3 Mar

Penny – 6 Mar

Leon – 21 Mar

Gavin – 29 Mar



Lindsey and Mark – 30 Mar

In these troubled times that we live in, with the threat of escalating conflict in Europe looming..... lets end on a lighter note!



· Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!**
- I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!**
- The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."**
- Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can & the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!**
- I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights" . I'm just very wise.**
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.**

- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.**
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!**
- Lord, Give me patience and give it to me NOW**
- Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.**
- Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?**