



Rotary Club of White River



Rotavision

May 2021

The Editor reflects



This is the last Rotavision for this Rotary year. As we get to the end of the year, we look back and reflect on the past year, and what a year it's been! Joan took over when the Covid lock down was almost at its height and

has done an amazing job of keeping the club going and keeping everyone as involved as possible under extremely trying circumstances. Even with lock downs and difficulties we have managed to feed hundreds of families, keep Masoyi going, involve the youth via Zoom meetings and have lots of fun and laughter together. We have given out a Paul Harris Fellow and community service awards, amongst other things. What an amazing achievement in such trying circumstances. Joan, as our President, we salute you!



The Rotary Anns

We are enjoying the fellowship and friendship shared at our face to face meetings. It makes such a difference to see each other and share ideas which flow much more freely when you are not seeing a little square on a screen!

White River Primary still has children who come to school hungry and we continue to feed them once a term.

We decided to support Hospice. They need a long ladder to reach the gutters to keep them clean. We will be buying them a fold up extending ladder.

Of course, we are there whenever needed to assist the Rotarians in any project and to make sure all our functions have suitable décor on the tables. For the DG's visit, we put Spekboom on the table. The DG Ann's project this year was to plant Spekboom. The little cuttings were then taken and planted at Da Loose Mongoose.

Community Service

Much effort over the past months has been done by Liz and her group of Rotarians.

The death of Lucy, the founder and leader of Mashadza was not only a shock to the whole community but also left a deep vacuum in the Mashadza Home for Children with special needs.



We were all “up the creek without a paddle” so to speak.

I think that to a number of us Lucy’s death made us sit up and think. We needed a leader, a commitment from our Club to help keep the centre running and a vision as to the centres future.

Fortunately, Gloria, Lucy’s eldest daughter has stepped into the breach. She is a really good person who will surely benefit the centre for years to come.

The DG on her annual trip to the Lowveld went to see Mashadza. Mashadza has a rich Rotary history, being founded on Rotary grants etc. Anna -Marie was most enthusiastic saying that the centre should plan for a Global Grant. This in turn enthused PDG Albie to come to the fore with his great knowledge of Rotary, especially grants.

So now there is an opportunity to “dream”, to dream of what we would like to see the centre look like in the future, to plan growth and create sustainability.

We are excited about future prospects. There will be a meeting with Mashadza asking them what their dream is for the centre and then we move to the next step, an application for a Global Grant!



Fun and Fundraising

Rotary Golf Day

What a success! We still await the exact net profit but it was a fair amount, enough to make our

Treasurer’s eye twinkle and Incoming President Hans, rubbing his hands in anticipation.

It really was an excellent day, the weather played its part, the participants came with fun on the mind, the hole in one car was delivered, sadly not won, and organizer Renate was beaming from ear to ear.



So many Rotarians took part in many ways all coming to make the day special.

Thanks to Amber Nuts our main sponsor and to the other sponsors who paid too, especially, to George Muller who offered up a 5 litre bottle of his finest red wine. To other Rotarians offering prizes but thanks in main must go to Renate who arranged, organized and executed a fine day's entertainment that raised the Club a tidy sum of money.

Fun

Little to report except the fellowship at the breakfast was really good. There were over 20 of us present and we all had a lot of fun, possibly we should make this a monthly event. What do you think?

The Induction luncheon will take place at lunch time on the 19 th June at Da Loose Mongoose" so let us make this special for both Joan and Hans.

If anyone has any thought for Fun events in the future please let me know! I have a couple of things up my sleeve but I could always do with more ideas.



Membership

INTERVIEW

Mike Lewis and I had a meeting with a potential member who is very interested in joining our Club but is very committed at the moment . He will review the situation in the coming months .

RESIGNATION

It is with sadness to report that Patrick Robson, who was a very active member of our Rotary Club for many years, has tendered his resignation from the Club due to his work situation on his farm . He is sad to leave and will always be a "friend of Rotary" We will miss him.

NEW MEMBERS

It is the responsibility of all Rotarians to find potential suitable new members, not only that of the Membership Committee. Please be on the lookout for persons you

think may be suitable and interested and give the contact details to the Membership committee.

Rotary Exchange Rate May 2021

\$1.00 = R13.75



Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

James	8 June
June	19 June
Kathy	22 June

Mike and Marie 2 June



Laughter is the last word

Dear Neighbour

Hi Max. This is Richard next door. I've been riddled with guilt for a few months and have been trying to get up the courage to



tell you face-to-face. When you're not around, I've been sharing your wife, day and night, probably much more than you. I haven't been getting it at home recently. I know that's no excuse. The temptation was just too great. I can't live with the guilt and hope you'll accept my sincere apology and forgive me.

Please suggest a fee for usage and I'll pay you,

Regards,

Richard.

Max, feeling enraged and betrayed, grabbed his gun, went next door and shot Richard dead. He returned home, shot his wife, poured himself a stiff drink and sat down on the sofa. Max then looked at his phone and discovered a second message from Richard.

Second text message:

Hi Max. Richard here again. Sorry about the typo on my last text. I assume you figured it out and noticed that the darned predictive text had change "wi-fi" to "wife"- Technology huh? It'll be the death of us all.

