

# ROTAVISION

## Weekly Newsletter

### Rotary Club of White River



**BE THE  
INSPIRATION**

**Issue 1 – 02 July 2018**

#### Ren's Ramblings

HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR.

New Year, new President (albeit 'recycled'), new theme, new challenges.

We are in the enviable position of having sustainable and meaningful projects, which we will continue to support.

I will also introduce a new project: *BYE BYE PLASTIC BAG*. We all know that plastic bags have become a major problem to the world's environment. Animals choke on them; they clog drains; they pollute the oceans : the list goes on and on.

Together with our Anns, we will produce Calico shopping bags, branded with our Logo and sell them to the public.

We need to advertise our project in the digital and printed Media, create Action Days and select Outlets to sell our bags.

The public will get a 50% discount on the bags by handing in 10 plastic bags

We will also have Fellowship and Fun, which are the glue that keeps the club together. The Haenertsburg club is keen to visit us again for a Ramble and Croquet challenge at the end of October.

This will attract members of the public to our happy bunch and with our enthusiastic approach, they will become part of us.

We have a challenge in the Fundraising and Fellowship department: Arie Muller had agreed to head up this portfolio, but is now unable to do so for health reasons. Erik has agreed to assist where and when necessary. So until we know more, each portfolio director will have to raise funds for their projects.

In keeping with the new theme: **BE THE INSPIRATION**, the MAD evenings will be replaced by **RAK & RAL** events: **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS/LOVE**.

Be inspired to do someone a favour, abolish road rage, be friendly to strangers, you know what I mean. You don't have to tell the club about it if you don't want to – You know that you have done it, that's enough.

Let me close with an excerpt of the RI president Barry Rassin's speech at the Rotary Convention in Toronto:

THIS YEAR, I ASK ALL OF YOU TO BE THE INSPIRATION FOR SUSTAINABLE SERVICE BY ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ON OUR WORK.

THE ENVIRONMENT PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN ALL SIX OF OUR AREAS OF FOCUS AND THAT ROLE IS ONLY BECOMING GREATER AS THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE UNFOLDS.

ITS TIME TO MOVE PAST SEEING THE ENVIRONMENT AS SOMEHOW SEPARATE FROM THOSE SIX AREAS.

CLEAN AIR, WATER AND LAND ARE ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES – AND ESSENTIAL FOR THE BETTER, HEALTHIER FUTURE WE STRIVE FOR.

**BE THE INSPIRATION** - AND TOGETHER WE CAN, AND WE WILL INSPIRE THE WORLD.

**President Renate Bowers**

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

July: \$1.00 = R13.45

## Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

- The Club welcomed President Renate to her first meeting of her term. Renate outlined her goals for this year.
- Water, or rather the shortage of it, is a big concern in South Africa. As a club we will endeavour to identify a water project in our community where we can be of assistance. Erik and James will scout around for ideas.
- A plea has gone out to the members to support Ingwenyama and order more meals. They do not charge us for the use of their venue, and in return we should support them.

**Sergeant:** Brian had a great time fining eveyrone.

**Wine draw:** won by Mathew (after a hunt for the wine bottle which mysteriously found it's way under the table)

**Attendance:** 54% (it is school holidays, but let's get our attendance up!)

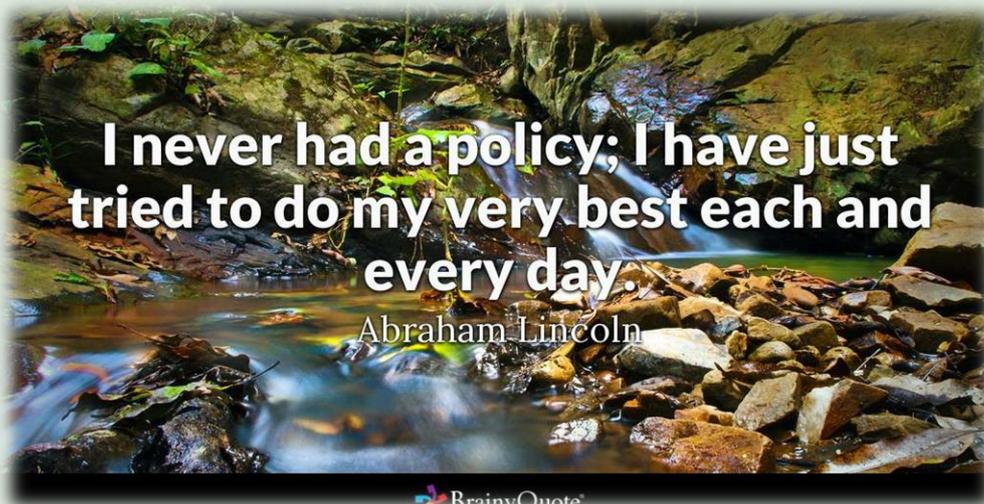
Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July:

**Organiser:** Frances

**Grace & Fellowship:** Erik

**Sargent:** Frances

2 happy ladies!



See what our  
Club gets up to!



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