

# ROTAVISION

Weekly Newsletter

Rotary Club of White River



**BE THE  
INSPIRATION**

**Issue 4 – 23 July 2018**

## Ren's Ramblings

'I watered my 96-year -old neighbour's garden'

'I supported a family in financial problems due to job-loss'

'I gave a security guard a cool drink'

'I volunteered at the Lowveld Vet for Madiba Day'

'I baked muffins for Frail care Staff'

'I collected carpets from all over for unemployed persons to clean in order to earn some money'

These are just some of the wonderful *Rak&Ral* deeds I picked out of the box. I'm sure the other Rotarians have done similar things and just forgot about them because they do them all the time anyway.



Mark Spratt's talk brought the grim reality of poverty and hunger in our country home to us and the need of support to the most vulnerable section of our society- the orphans and widows.

In our informal chat after the meeting Brian raised the question: Is Rotary still relevant? – The unanimous answer: Yes, it is but we must become more flexible and bring more fun into our club, thereby attracting younger members.

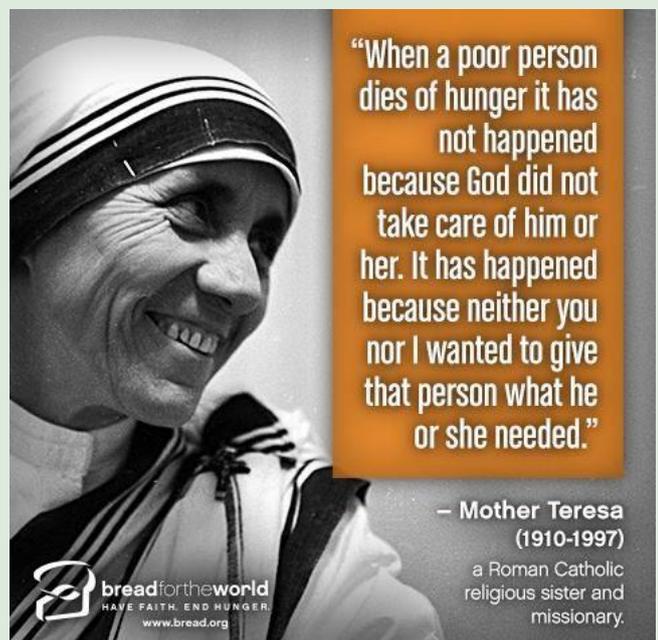
Next week will be a Fellowship evening at Brian & Frances' home, so bring a plate of food to share and your drinks and LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

**President Renate Bowers**

Mark Spratt receiving the Speaker's Gift from  
President Renate

## Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.

- Visitors: Corina Sprecher, Mark Spratt, Bev Formato and the Anns
- President Renate welcomed everyone to the first RAK & RAL meeting and invited everyone to write down any act of kindness or act of love and drop it into the little red box.
- A reminder from Rob and June of the movie fundraiser on Sunday. Contact June for details.
- Nelspruit Rotary Club invites us to their Christmas in July dinner on Friday evening. R200 per person for a 3 course dinner. Contact President Hennie from Nelspruit if you would like to support them.
- Hitesh confirmed that the Senior's trip to the Kruger Park will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- An Assembly will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August to ratify subs and other matters – more details to follow.
- Next Monday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and therefore a Fellowship Meeting. The Hyson's have kindly offered their home – please bring a plate of eats to share and something to drink. It is also Corinne's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday (Swiss teacher that has been visiting and attending our meetings) so if you'd like to bring her something special to wish her happy birthday you're welcome.
- Brian announced to those that are interested to chat after the meeting tonight's topic is "Is Rotary still relevant", bearing in mind recruiting new members is slow compared to our East African counterparts where Rotary is growing at a rapid pace.
- Our speaker this evening is Mark Spratt – rector at St George's Anglican Church. He spoke about engaging our community and getting them involved in projects. He also posed the question: Can I make a difference? Mark highlighted the poverty rate in South Africa, which at the last census stood at a frightening 55% of our total population! Mark thanked the Club for our involvement in the **Fill a Bag – Feed a Family project** where food parcels are distributed to mainly child headed homes as well as widows and orphans. Mark also reminded us that the decision to help your fellow is an individual decision – it all starts with us.



## Birthdays

- 26 July – Rita Priest



## Charlie the Happy Rands Pig

- Leon is proud of Dean, a possible future Protea?
- Huffy is happy Debbie is back
- Jacquie is happy her kids arrived home safely
- Debbie was happy to see a green Cape Town with dams filling up
- Two of Kath's children turned a year older this week
- Ricky is sad that Judy is going away for 3 weeks!

## The “usuals”

**Sargent:** On behalf of the Anns, Debbie entertained the Club

**Wine draw:** Lorna

**Attendance:** 59% at the meeting, but there were many make-ups at the Career Day. Please remember to let Kath know if you have a make-up so that it can be recorded.

## Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July:

**Fellowship meeting @ the Hyson's.**

## RI Official Exchange Rate:

**July: \$1.00 = R13.45**

See what our  
Club gets up to!



Rotary White River



@rotarywhiteriver