

Rotavision

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The more I read about global warming and the terrible floods and conversely, the catastrophic droughts in Africa, the more I realise that water, one way or the other, is something that we should consider in our future project planning.

The United States, who are blessed with an abundance of water, has recognised this as a world priority and is busy identifying countries to assist.

Africa, as a continent, is high on their priority list and we should somehow attach ourselves to this. Hopefully our brains trust will come up with an idea which we could follow through.

Rotary can Light Up Africa.

GEORGE



Next week's duties and the week ahead:

Meeting: - 16th February 2015

Organizer: JD Weir

Grace and fellowship: Ian Donaldson

Sergeant: Patrick Robson

Next weeks meeting: Business meeting

Thursday 12th February: Board meeting at home of Liz Mackintosh

Sunday 15th February: International dinner – exchange students report back.

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The pig went hungry last night, with Leon's happiness at Dean's start to his secondary school career being tempered by his dismay at a hail storm in Pietermaritzburg that had damaged his car, so not such a "happy" pig after all.



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Rotary Meeting: 5 January

Guests: Peter and Sandra Greaves, Raymond and Britt-Marie Lenrick, Ann Hill, Tony Perry

Gavin was acting president in the absence of George who was at the hospital having his hip X-rayed. Rob Sykes was also in hospital undergoing an operation to insert a stent.

There was a reminder about the Camp Quality meeting on Tuesday 10 February.

Peter Greaves talked about the Animal Demography Unit that maps the genome of Southern Africa, and how the Citadel Conservation Trust has been set up to benefit the ADU. He encouraged everyone to get involved, either by mapping their favourite animal, bird, fish, flower etc, or contributing to funds.

Sergeant: Judy was sergeant and fined everyone who had not spoken to people about the gala dinner and the wine show. Also everyone under the age of 60!

Wine draw: Albie won the wine draw.

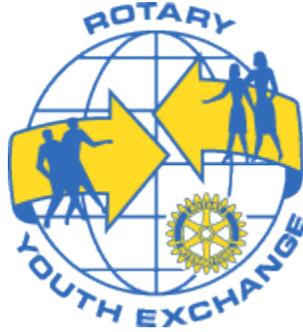
Attendance: There were 26 people present - 70% attendance.

Celebrations - birthdays and anniversaries

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Julie Macphail
10 February





On Sunday we are hosting our International dinner, put on by the exchange students. Here is some information about Youth Exchange.

What is a Rotary Youth Exchange?

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs.

Who will be good exchange students?

Exchanges are for people ages 15–19 who:

- Have demonstrated leadership in their school and community
- Are flexible and willing to try new things
- Are open to cultural differences
- Can serve as an ambassador for their own country

How much does it cost?

Costs vary from country to country. Local Rotary clubs generously host students and provide room and board with a host family and a small monthly stipend. Participants are generally responsible for:

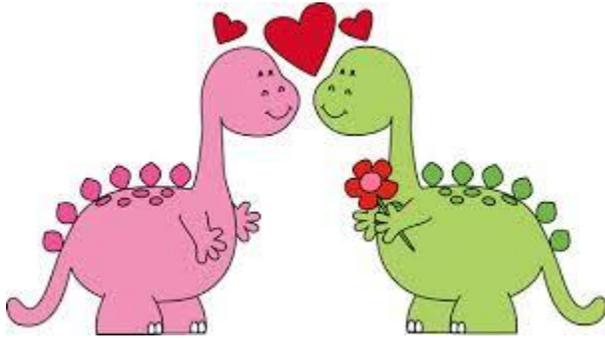
- Round-trip airfare
- Insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money, additional travel, and tour fees

How can students apply?

Contact your local Rotary club to see if it participates and to learn more about the types of programs offered, and specific application process required. Because the selection and orientation process can be lengthy, we suggest you apply 6–12 months before you plan to leave.

If you know anyone keen to apply, contact Gary Duke

Hosting an exchange student can be an incredibly rewarding experience for your family, providing an international experience without leaving home. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange students, involving them in family, community, and cultural activities.



Happy Valentine's day

Laughter
always the best medicine



Roger, who was 19 years old, was buying an expensive bracelet, to surprise his girlfriend on Valentine's Day, at a very smart jeweller's shop in Hatton Garden, London.

The jeweller inquired, 'Would you like your girlfriend's name engraved on it?'

Roger thought for a moment, grinned, then answered, 'No, instead engrave "To my one and only love".'

The jeweller smiled and said, 'Yes, sir; how very romantic of you.'

Roger retorted with a glint in his eye, 'Not exactly romantic, but very practical. This way, if we break up, I can use it again.'



Meaning of Dreams

A young woman was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamt that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day.

What do you think it means?"

"You shall know tonight", he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it. She found a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams".



Silence in the cinema

It was Valentine's day and John and Danielle's first date. They sat in the darkened cinema waiting for the film to start. The screen finally lit up with a flashy advertisement for the cinema's concession stand. John and Danielle realised that there was no sound. The film began but the silence continued.

Suddenly, out of the darkness, an irritated voice in the crowd loudly shouted, 'Okay, who's got the remote control?'



Valentine's Day Gift

Jonny asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.'

'That was very kind of you,' Jonny added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.'

Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

And just so you know.....

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is a holiday observed on February 14 each year. It is

celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. A popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6 and July 30, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni). In Brazil, the Dia de São Valentim is recognized on June 12.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off Saint Valentine's Malady. Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.