



Rotavision The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of White River



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Patrick: On my soapbox

Foundation Giving: Every Rotarian Every Year

"Without the Foundation, Rotary is nothing!" We may not all agree because, obviously, without the Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Foundation is nothing. But isn't that just the point? We all hang together. It is the combination that

makes Rotary powerful. Are we asking 'What has the Foundation ever done for us?'. Is a Global Grant all but inaccessible? We seem to get more by bypassing the Foundation and getting donations directly from other friendly Rotary Clubs and donors. I think we must just learn to use the system and *make* the Foundation work for us. But the Foundation needs us just as we need it. This year our club started a new initiative to help us meet our EREY obligations: the *ELEPHANT*. A brilliant idea that makes it easier to donate to Foundation. Every so often we could donate a small amount to the Foundation that, over the year, would build up substantially. Forget about the Zuma-exchange rate and the \$100 target! Every \$1 helps and each 1\$ is a Recognition Point towards the '100% Paul Harris Club' goal. To make this work the *ELEPHANT* needs a keeper – someone who will parade her at every meeting and keep a confidential tally of our contributions.

Monday's meeting – 8th February

What happened?

Guests: Raymond and his wife, Britte-Marie from Sweden.

- Brian thanked everyone for their love, prayers and support for us as a family. Sadly, his Mum is not doing very well and she is really struggling. .
- Committee reports:
- Fun and Fundraising: Curry evening 20 February at Heuglins. 22-24 April – Fellowship at Haenertsburg with croquet competition. They have offered home hosting for us. 709 April – Mpumalanga wine show. Later in the year we will host a Treasure Hunt in lieu of a golf day. Our club turns 60 on the 9th May.

- Membership: Hein thanked Don and Mike for helping with and representing White River at the launch of the Rotary club of Hoedspruit. He reminded committee chairs that they are supposed to invite prospective Rotarians to an information function. It was suggested that we host an informal gathering to introduce Rotary to our local community.
- Club administration: the updated history of our club has been completed, well done to Albie. The committee feels that it should be printed as an electronic copy could disappear.
- PR: There have been some articles in the White River Post. At the moment there is not much happening. The PR committee would like to showcase our club to the public and it was suggested that we concentrate on the Uplands Festival for this.
- Youth matters: they are having a busy time. They are in the process of interviewing several students to go on exchange. The SWEMBE young ambassador's competition is looking for a candidate. District selections take place next weekend. 14th February- the international dinner takes place at the Wagners. Bring a plate of food to share. The Interact clubs at Uplands and Fundinjobo are going well. Penryn club is a matter of concern as the teacher who has taken over either is not too keen or too busy. Careers day at Fundinjobo takes place on the 25th February. Judy has asked for a volunteers if anyone has something to offer.
- Projects: Camp Quality preparations are going well. The Casino wants to become more involved this year. Lwaleng: there will be an official opening with the Department of Education etc. Penryn has offered to paint the outside of the building. We might start a Rotary Community Corps at Lwaleng to involve the community in managing the situation at the school. Cyclist for Masoyi: money still to come in to go towards upgrading the kitchen. Thanks to Michael for organizing the donation from Kimberley Clark. An OT from Themba has been helping at Masoyi. Books in homes: going well. Inner Wheel paid R9000.00 and a grant is pending for books in homes. Round Square project to take place in July/August at Entokozweni. Swembe: we need to start organizing. Rob and June still keen to be involved. EV Challenge takes place on 21 May and we will be asked for assistance.
- Foundation: Nic reported back for Foundation. In the past our club has been one of the top few contributors, but there is some concern this year as some people have made no contribution at all.
- Joan reported that she attended the DG Ann's fellowship and there is some concern over the future of Anns clubs.

Wine Draw: Arie won the wine and donated it to Raymond.

Sergeant was Hitesh

Pretty Belinda:

- Ronald put in money from the Ruffians
- Leon is happy to be on a fantastic Foundation committee.



- Hitesh is grateful for assistance given to him after Nakul had an accident.
- Ronald has a new job
- Raymond happy to be back again
- Patrick McPhail is happy – your reason got erased on a fold of the paper
Debbie gave me!

Attendance: 75%

Next week's duties:

- Organizer: Adrian Newton
- Grace and Fellowship: Arie Muller
- Sergeant: Ian Donaldson
- Information: Hein Gehle

Next meeting: Open meeting.
Board meeting: Thursday 11th

We missed you



Gavin Sinclair,
Peter Doble,
Eric Howland,
George Muller,

Malcolm Cameron,
Luiza Ferreira,
Netto Maluka,
Michael Wagner.

Official Rotary Exchange rate for February



R16.10 = \$1.00





Rotary International began **World Understanding Month** in February as a way to promote peace and international understanding between cultures and countries. Rotary Clubs around the globe are asked to plan programs for meetings that will help foster this understanding.

Ideas for the programs may include speakers from other countries or organizing panel discussions with international scholars or exchange students from different countries. It can also be a day for a special project to connect youth of different cultures for a day of service.

Rotary also promotes peace through peace fellowships

What are Rotary Peace Fellowships?

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Two types of peace fellowships are available.

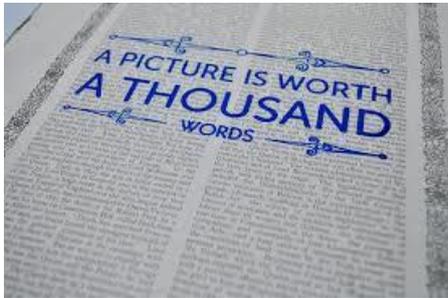
Master's degree

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

- [Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA \(fact sheet\)](#)
- [International Christian University, Japan \(fact sheet\)](#)
- [University of Bradford, England \(fact sheet\)](#)
- [University of Queensland, Australia \(fact sheet\)](#)
- [Uppsala University, Sweden \(fact sheet\)](#)

Professional development certificate

For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, we offer a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at [Chulalongkorn University](#) in Thailand ([fact sheet](#)). This program incorporates two to three weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.



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On the lighter side

I called your house the other day and was told you were down at your favourite biker bar with some friends. I wasn't sure where that was, but was told I wouldn't have much trouble finding it.

Sure enough, I drove just a couple blocks and there it was...

There is nothing like the feel of the sun on your face and the wind in your hair, is there?



