



## Rotavision The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of White River



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### **Patrick: On my soapbox**

Literacy – the ability to read and write – is a sore point in South Africa. The stats are bedevilled by problems of method and range from “a national catastrophe” to over 90% literacy!! Last night we saw two different approaches to the problem. The Good Work Foundation looked at remedying the problem at

the school-leaver level using digital technology and a “Wonder filled” approach. Extending this to the grades, making learning fun, improved English and Maths by 30% in one year. We, the Rotary Club of White River, through our support of Val Morris’ Books in Homes have adopted a fun filled ‘printed-book’ approach, arguably a more accessible avenue in Africa today. There is more than enough room for both. We must address the uncomfortable truth that, today, young people who cannot read and write English and are digitally inept are destined for the bottom of the pile. Who knows, perhaps the RCWR will one day be campaigning for ‘Tablets-in-Homes’. We would have come a mighty long way!

To learn more about these wonder-filled projects click on these [BIH](#) and [GWF](#) links.

## **Monday’s meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **What happened?**

**Guests:** Ryan James, Partners and Raymond and Britte-Marie.

Ryan gave an interesting talk on how the Digital Learning Centre in Hazyview has grown and developed since we were there in 2012. It is wonderful to see that all these children have the opportunity to learn using modern technology and that they are exposed to the Internet, tablets, games and apps.

- 29 February – fellowship curry evening at Country Lane Lodge. Curries are being made by various people. Time: 5:30 for 6:00. Cost is R60.00 per head and you can take your own drinks.
- Camp Quality meeting: Heuglins Tuesday evening at 5:30. Bring and braai.

- Renate sent round a list of people interested in going to Haenertsburg for a fellowship weekend and a croquet challenge 22-24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Wine Draw:** Judy won the wine

**Sergeant** was Dot. Great to have you back in the hot seat, Dot. We have missed you for the last couple of months.

**Pretty Belinda:**

- Ruffians
- George is happy that most of the money stolen from him fraudulently has been recovered.



**Attendance:** 77%

**Duties for next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March:**

- Organizer: Gavin Sinclair
- Grace and Fellowship: Simon Sutherland
- Sergeant: Rob Sykes
- Information: Leon van Zyl

Camp Quality meeting at Heuglins Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 5:30  
Careers day at Fundinjobo.

**Next week – no formal meeting, fellowship at George's.**

**Next meeting:** Guest speaker from Mercy Air.

**We missed you**



Gavin Sinclair.  
Malcolm Cameron  
Hein Gehle  
Patrick Robson  
Leon van Zyl

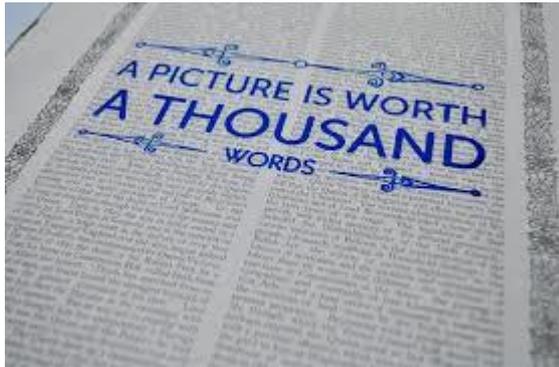
Warren Boden  
Luiza Ferreira,  
Mike Lewis,  
Don Priest



*Simon Sutherland 20<sup>th</sup> February*

*Adrian Newton - 3<sup>rd</sup> March*

*Tina Brandon - 4<sup>th</sup> March*



Guest speaker, Ryan James, receiving a gift from President Patrick.



The Uplands Interact club has a new project this term. They go to Manna church and give the children a great afternoon every week. These children are the poorest of the poor and are all orphans. Many of them are child header households too. Comment by an Interactor: "We make a difference, we make them smile!"



## *On the lighter side*

Tiger Woods turns to Stevie Wonder in a bar, and says, "How's the singing career going?"

Stevie replies, "Not too bad. How's the golf?"

Woods replies, "Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that right now."

Stevie says, "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right."

Incredulous, Tiger says, "You play GOLF?"

Stevie says, "Yes, I've been playing for years."

Tiger says, "But—you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?"

Stevie Wonder replies, "Well, I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway, and again I play the ball towards his voice."

"But how do you putt?" asks Tiger.

"Well," says Stevie, "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball toward his voice."

Tiger asks, "What's your handicap?"

Stevie says, "Well, actually—I'm a scratch golfer."

Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie, "We've got to play a round sometime."

Stevie replies, "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. Is that a problem?"

Woods thinks about it and says, "I can afford that; OK, I'm game for that. \$10,000 a hole is fine with me. When would you like to play?"

Stevie Wonder says, "Pick a night."

### **Ambiguities:**

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.....
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If one synchronized swimmer drowns do the others drown too?
4. The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
7. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
8. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
9. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
10. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
11. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
12. What was the best thing before sliced bread?

13. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
14. Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
15. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
16. How is it possible to have a civil war?