



Rotavision The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of White River



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Patrick: On my soapbox

Hats off to DG David Grant and DG-Ann Margie Grant who together with Rob and Brian who spent last week travelling the Lowveld extracting information from each of the clubs. He says that he found it inspiring- Rob and Brian looked exhausted! They are off to do Limpopo next week! We took them to see Books in Homes, Lwaleng and Masoyi in the morning,

had lunch with Judy and Ricky Pott and then had a two hour Board Meeting at Heuglin's. David is meticulous and we went through many aspects of Rotary Club life point by point. I have to admire his perseverance as he had done the same questionnaire umpteen times before but managed to make it fresh and interesting. We learned a lot about Rotary in the process. Hopefully the club will again receive a Rotary Presidential Citation – you can help make it happen by signing on to My Rotary (www.rotary.org - go to 'Register' at the top left – you will need to use the email address registered with RI) There is a lot to interest you on My Rotary. Any problems, please let me know.

Monday's meeting – 18th January

What happened?

Guests: Tracey Russell, Amy Russell, Sofia Sierra, Kirsty Shuttleworth, Rachel Coeli, Matthew Southern, Valentine Clur and Julie MacPhail. Visiting Rotarian, Ed Coombes and Michael Coombes (guest speaker).

Malcolm is back home and is progressing well.

Elna v d Venter is going into hospital on Tuesday for a knee replacement (Albie was absent with apologies)

Renate said Grace and also used the opportunity to introduce members to the 'Rotary Code of Conduct'.

Patrick gave brief feedback on the DG's visit saying that we had done well. He reminded members of the need for everyone to be registered on My Rotary (Go to

www.rotary.org click on 'Register' top left – you will need your email address. Any problems refer to Patrick or Debbie)

Patrick reminded members that 9th May 2016 is the Club's 60th birthday and asked for suggestions as to how we should celebrate it.

Erik Howland spoke about the Rotary Family Health Day 2016 and said that planning was underway but a date in October has still to be set. There will be an official Opening and Mpumalanga Health Dept had applied to have it here – other contestants are W Cape and Limpopo (I know who I would give it to!)

Guest speaker: Dr Michael Coombes gave an entertaining talk on the Power of Rhetoric – The Art of Ruling the Minds of Men. He gave examples of current and historical figures who got it right even if for the wrong reasons. Llew Taylor proposed a vote of thanks.

Wine Draw: Won by one of the Exchange Students and was opened and drunk by Leon, Judy and the parents!

Sergeant was absent Frances forgot that Netto said that he was unavailable oops! Sorry!!

Information: Arie Muller gave a brief description of the meaning of the Vocational Classification in Rotary Clubs and the reasons behind the idea. He also bewailed the fact that we no longer seem to give out certificates to new members and suggested that the practice be revived. He drew the attention of members to the Rotary Manual of Procedures (MOP), available on the web, and suggested that we should study it.

Pretty Belinda: Her keeper was absent so nothing was collected.

Attendance: 72.5

Next week's duties:

- Organizer: George Muller
- Grace and Fellowship: Huffy Pott
- Sergeant: The Anns

Next meeting: Partners evening

Warren	Malcolm
Brian	Peter
Hein	Liz
Netto	Simon
George	Albie
Michael W	Patrick R
Nic	Joan
Michael W	

We missed you





During the DG's meeting with the Board he asked if our club was involved in Rotary Fellowships. Not too many people even knew what Rotary Fellowships were! So here goes!

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotaractors and their spouses who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the international language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians — which now holds the distinction of being the oldest continuing fellowship. The scope of fellowships has changed significantly over the years, but their purpose remains the same: to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide opportunities to enjoy favorite recreational activities, hobbies, sports, vocation, and most recently Rotary history and culture.

Many fellowships also use their special interests to serve others. For example, the Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians has organized cleanups of polluted rivers; members of the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians has conducted training sessions for Rotarians and others in their community; and members of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers join local Rotary clubs to undertake service projects on each of their diving trips.

Currently, there are more than 60 official Rotary Fellowships registered with RI. One really good example of Rotary Fellowships organized around both a recreational activity and community service is the

Fellowship Cycling to Serve.

Through cycling activities, this Fellowship works to promote international understanding and peace.



Here we see just a small sampling of Rotary Fellowships:

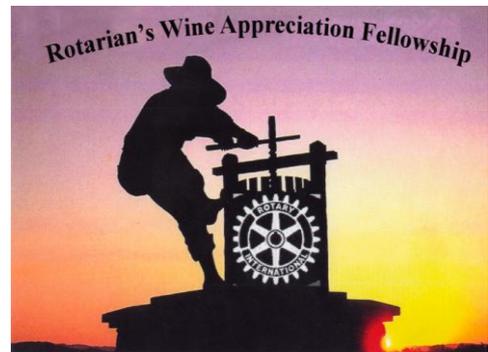
- Skiing Fellowship



- Antique Automobiles Fellowship
- Yachting Fellowship
- The Wine Appreciation Fellowship is a learning tool for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge and sharing ideas regarding all aspects of wine appreciation. The fellowship has an email newsletter and members are encouraged to visit our interactive

wine website (www.rotarywine.net) frequently for updates, features, articles and information on wine events and trips. Annual meetings are held at the RI International Conventions and are some of the most popular events of the whole Convention.

While most day-to-day fellowship activities may take place online or through correspondence, the most successful fellowships facilitate regular opportunities for members to interact in person. For example, sporting fellowships hold regional matches and world tournaments, fellowships related to travel or excursions plan destination trips, and vocational fellowships often plan get-togethers at professional conferences and seminars. These types of activities will help maintain existing members' interest in the fellowship and also attract new members

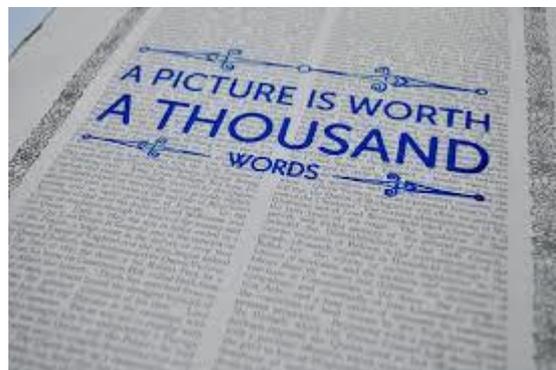


There are number of benefits to Rotary Fellowships. They offer:

- Opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of one's own club, district and country
- Contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace
- Serve as an incentive for attracting new members and for retaining existing members
- Further vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession.

- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Using your MyRotary account you now have access to [an array of new social tools](#) that will enable you to converse and collaborate with other Rotarians and Rotaractors. You can use these tools to find, start or further your goals for Rotary Fellowships...

You can search [Rotary's Discussion Groups](#) where you can exchange ideas with other Rotarians and Rotaractors who share your interest. If you find that a group already exists, reach out to them. But if not, consider starting a new one!



DG's Visit - water collection





On the lighter side

Through the eyes of a child:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that.'

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Honor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you

born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees, the Democrats, and the Republicans.

Jesus also had twelve opossums

The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats, the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

