



Rotavision

Weekly newsletter for the Rotary Club of White River



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This week has once again shown the value of inter continental cooperation.

The joining of Rotary clubs in the USA and our club, has benefitted the community and will continue to do so long into the future.

The value of this cooperation reflects the true Rotary community spirit.

Having made these beneficial connections we should encourage further joint ventures with our new found friends.

Something to consider and evolve next year.

Have a good week.

George



Duties for next meeting and the week ahead:

Monday : 15th June

Organizer: Albie van de Venter

Grace and fellowship: Mike Brandon

Sergeant: Erik Howland

Next weeks meeting: Business meeting

Thursday 11th June: Board meeting. George's home

Discon: 18th -21st June at Ingwenyama

Rotary Meeting: 25th May

Guests: Tony Parry, Warren Boden, Rotarians Terry King, Randy (from USA), Lovemore Mananga, Shane Cuthbertson, Meggan and Alex Constantinides.

Awards: Meggan and Shane were recognized for their support of Camp Quality and given certificates of appreciation.

Induction: Tony Parry was inducted as a new member

June 16: Course to be run at Heuglins on Club Runner and My Rotary. To be followed by a fellowship Bring and Braai.

Albie thanked all those who volunteered to help at Discon.

Induction dinner: 26 June at Ingwenyama Cost R150 pp

Wine draw: Rob won the wine draw (again!!)

Sergeant: Patrick was the sergeant.

Attendance: 66 %



Award for Shane Cuthbertson and his team at Uplands College



Meggan Constantinides being recognized for her continued support of Camp Quality.

On Monday, several members of the Rotary Club of White River went out to Maphakama School, together with a couple of Rotarians from the USA and local visitors. The purpose of the visit was to hand over the borehole (or well, as the Americans call it) to the school.

The school really did us proud. We were welcomed by a group of women in traditional dress and “sung” in to the “world’s largest gazebo”. This, as you might remember, was a project completed by our club about ten years ago to provide shelter for the children. The school children gave us a rousing welcome and the extremely well organized proceedings began. The tables were decorated in blue and white, the school colours and in the absence of flowers in the area, large vases were filled with greenery and arranged on the tables. Slogans about the value of water were placed around the area.

The entertainment was great ranging from traditional dancing by preschoolers to a wonderful poem, written by one of the students. She recited her poem with a background accompaniment by her peers.

When we unveiled the plaque, the most surprised person in the group was JD when he saw that the well was named the “JD Weir well”, a truly fitting tribute to a great man, without whose perseverance this would never have happened. All in all, an amazing day showcasing the power of international cooperation through Rotary.

Photos of the event to follow....

Laughter
always the best medicine



Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica ?

Where do they go?

Wonder no more !!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

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