



Rotavision

Weekly newsletter for the Rotary Club of White River



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Inspirational speakers inspire new thoughts, ideas and more innovation. This is what we experienced over the two days at Discon.

The danger of not both verbalising and putting down some or all of the messages we received as soon as possible, the greater the threat that every day occurrences will intercede and the excitement of ideas will be placed on the back burner.

We have the opportunity to revisit these talks through CDs which we have been promised and as suggested by Frances, these could be seen and heard at our meetings. It's our stories that encourage others to join us.

See you at the Induction dinner on Friday.

Have a good week.

George



Duties for next meeting and the week ahead:

Monday : 29th June

Organizer: Rob Sykes

Grace and fellowship: Gary Duke

Sergeant: Anns

Next weeks meeting: The year in pictures

Birthdays and anniversaries

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

*Hein and Candy
25 June*



Rotary Meeting: 22nd June

Guests: Llew Taylor, Doug Benckendorf (an past president of this club now living in Australia)

Discon: Report back (see more later) George has received a letter of thanks from Shirley for our support and help. Patrick Robson was thanked for his help with the décor for the gala dinner. Albie reported on the fun that was had by all packing food parcels. We received several boxes, enough to feed 1720 meals to needy people.

Report on the year:

George reported on the past year. Our income exceeded our expenses as we received many donations and sponsorships, especially for a project like Camp Quality. It has been a financially good year.

We have successful Interact clubs.

Rotary Foundation: most of our members has contributed and the club will make up the balance of what we committed.

Camp Quality was again a success, thanks to Brian and his team.

Maphakama water project has been completed, thanks to JD's passion for the project.

Masoyi: Liz continues to be passionate about this project and does an amazing amount of work out there

George touched on other projects and thanked the Board and club members for their help and hard work during the past year. He felt that one of the reasons for the success of White River was that we have such a diversity of people and talents.

Brian thanked George for his leadership over the past year and congratulated him on the part he played.

Joan thanked the club for their support of Polioplus. Our club made one of the largest contributions to Polioplus in the District.

Induction dinner: :30 for 7:00 at the top venue at Ingwenyama. Payment of r150.00 pp can be made by EFT (specify for dinner and who its from!!) Dress is formal.

George spoke to the club about making donations to various worthy local charities.

The club were in favour of this.

Nic reminded everyone that anyone who had not yet made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation that it was not too late!

Wine draw: Nic won the wine draw

Sergeant: Hein was the sergeant.

Attendance: 82%

Although the pig has been slaughtered, some Contributions were made.
Brian: Joan looked good in her purple gown
At the gala dinner
Netto is happy that the well fed pig didn't burst
Hitesh had a good conference
Mike is glad Huffy is well again
Patrick happily appointed the "pig woman" again
For next year!
Leon had a wonderful conference
George is happy his daughter has moved to White River
Nic happy to have had the dance floor to themselves dancing to "Unforgettable"!!



District 9400 5th Annual Conference

From Thursday afternoon to Saturday night, Ingwenyama was alive with the sound of Rotarians (music too!)

A District conference is a time to get together, meet new friends in Rotary, as well as renew friendships, be inspired by what others are doing, and inspiring others by what we are doing. It is also a time for fellowship, with our own club members as well as people from other clubs.

The conference was very well organized and ran smoothly. Any hiccoughs that the organizers might have encountered were not apparent to the delegates! There were some amazing speakers, not only external motivational speakers but also from club members around the District.

In the evenings, there were some good fellowship functions. On Thursday evening, we had the usual "Meet and greet". On Friday, the hall was transformed into China Town and there was some great looking Chinese folk in the hall. Our own Gary Duke and his wife, Karen were finalists in the best dressed couple competition. I might be biased, but I personally thought that they looked the best! And finally, the gala dinner on Saturday

night. Again, the hall was transformed into an African bushveld scene. I think some of our Rotarians and Anns played a huge part in this transformation, especially Angela and Arie, together with Patrick Robson. I know others were there too.

For me, one of the highlights was packing food parcels. We had various systems in place and in just over an hour packed over 5000 parcels.

We worked hard and got to know other Rotarians from other clubs and felt that we had done something worthwhile at the end of it. In our little corner, we had Rotarians from White River, Guyani, Northcliff and Kyalami.

For those of you who were there, I am sure you came away feeling inspired and if you missed it, there's always next year!

Laughter
always the best medicine



Phone Etiquette

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes.

As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone.

She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the train". "Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

