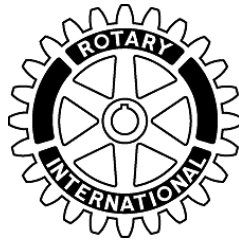
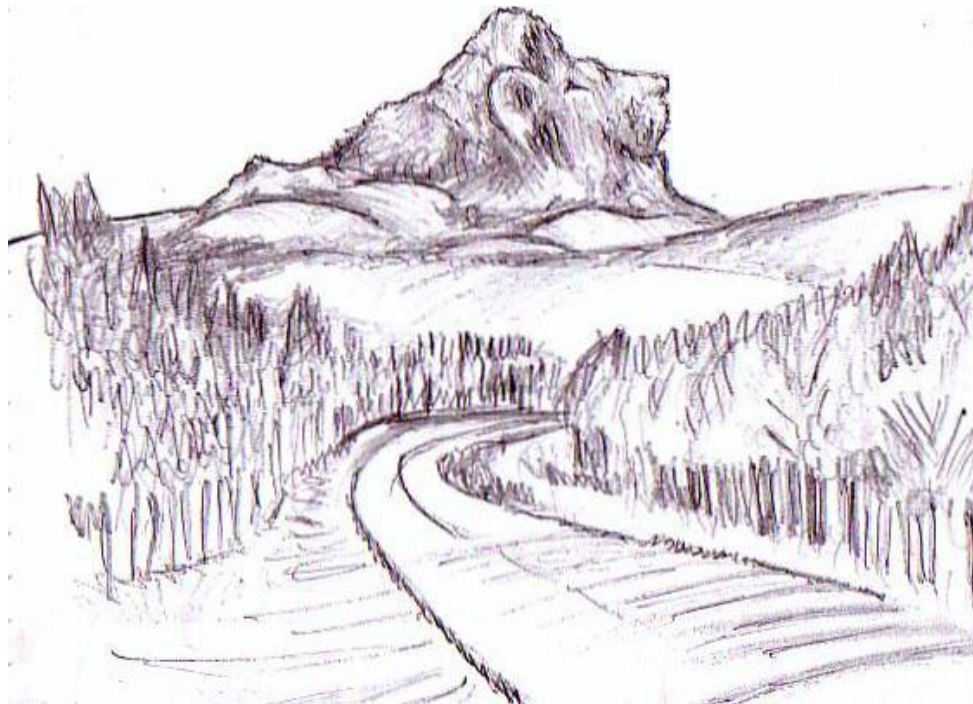


# Rotavision



**Monthly Bulletin of  
the Rotary Club of White River**



**MARCH 2010**



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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISER	GRACE & FELLOWSHIP	SERGEANT AT ARMS
5 April	No meeting – public holiday			
12 April	5 p.m. Conference committee / Committees	Mike	Liz	Patrick M
14 April	Board meeting (tba)			
19 April	Lisa Dunn	Hitesh	Dan	Cheryl
26 April	Long weekend. Social. Detail to follow			

## DIARY

BIRTHDAYS		WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES	
Tracey Godley	3 April	Eugene and Irene	4 April
Irene McCarthy	6 April	Keith and Rae	27 April
Antjie Newton	18 April	Gavin and Mary	29 April
June Coombes	20 April	Ricky and Judy	30 April
Keith Kirton	22 April		
Renate Wagner	26 April		
		SPECIAL EVENTS	
		Camp Quality	24 – 31 March
		Magazine Month	April
		District Conference	
		Penreach (pre-primary)	24 April
		Penreach (primary)	8 May
		Penreach (pre-primary)	29 May
		Penreach (primary)	24 July
		Penreach (pre-primary)	31 July
		Penreach (primary)	21 August
		Penreach (pre-primary)	28 August
		Penreach (primary)	4 September
		Penreach (pre-primary)	18 September
		Penreach (pre-primary)	23 October
		Penreach (primary)	30 October
		Penreach Awards (pre-prim)	6 November
		Penreach Awards (primary)	13 November

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## Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### **MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOWVELD**

Barberton

Tuesdays 18:15

Golf Club

Nelspruit

Thursdays 13:00

Kazuri, Botanical Gardens

**We cannot hold a torch to light another's path  
without brightening our own.**

## **GUEST EDITORIAL:**

### **ENJOY AND SHARE ROTARY**

Having experienced several significant and life-changing events during the past few months made me realize what a meaningful contribution Rotary has made to my life. Rotary membership has broadened my life personally, socially, professionally, vocationally and educationally. Personally, I have met hundreds of people, many of whom I now call my friends. Socially, Rotary has given me access to a wide range of social experiences with a sense of belonging to a special group of people who contribute to others both locally and internationally. Professionally, Rotary allowed me to grow in my professional skills while sharing my expertise with others. Vocationally, Rotary connected me with a wide range of vocations broadening my understanding of business and community, Educationally, I have been exposed to professional development on a weekly basis through contact with fellow Rotarians, guest speakers, specific projects and community involvement. After thirty-eight years of fun, fellowship and service, being involved with Rotary at club, district and international level, I will be forever grateful to my proposer, who was prepared to share Rotary with me. I now appeal to you my fellow Rotarians to enjoy Rotary by becoming involved and urge you to share Rotary by inviting worthy members of the community to join this wonderful organisation.

**Nic**

*His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.*

*The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'*

*'Why?' asked the pilot.*

*'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'*

*The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . you're NOT my flight instructor?'*

**DISCON UPDATE**

**The website is up and running! View it at [www.rotarywhiteriver.co.za](http://www.rotarywhiteriver.co.za)  
Have you registered??**

# Brian's Blog

We are well into April, the Easter holidays are behind us and we are into the final quarter of the Rotary year.

We are at the point of looking to the future, a new President, new ideas and new challenges. Before we get to this point there is, however, a crucial couple of months where we will need "all hands on deck"! Our District Governor, Albie, and Elna are at the end of their year. This has been a great year for them and a year which will culminate in the final Conference of District 9250 at Ingwenyama, White River. Thereafter District 9400 will be formed.

We need, as a club, to ensure that this Conference is a truly memorable send off to the District and also to honour the hard work that Albie and Elna have put into the District during their year of office. We must through the District Conference Organiser, Brian Reagan and his team ensure that he gets all the support necessary to run such a Conference. I would like to call on all of the members of the Club to make every effort to be present at the Conference and to assist the work that Brian and his team are doing to ensure the Conference is a great success.

I have been involved in Rotary Short Term Rotary Exchange selection over the past couple of weeks. What talent we have in the area! We are privileged to have young men and women of great potential in our area and who I am sure will do their country, club and parents proud as Exchange Students. We will be sending a group of students to District selection at Badplaas later this month. Well done to Judy Pott and committee for spending the time and effort in order to make sure that our students are well prepared for District Selection.

Soon after the District Conference we will have the Duck Race and then most importantly the Golf Day. Here we hope to make the money that is necessary to run a club such as ours over the next year. Again we will need every effort from Club members to ensure that these projects are a success.

Finally it is special for me to report on the great success of Camp Quality. The club is again indebted to the leadership of Ed Coombes and family over this time. It was a wonderful Camp, one of our best. Every member of our Club, the Ann's and friends of Rotary played their part; plus, the community at large embraced this marvellous project. A special thanks to Ed and family, but to you all, no matter how small the part that was played, a very special thank you from your President.

The challenges are there but with your hard work, help and understanding we will manage to make sure the final few months of this Rotary year will be a great success. Let's try to make a difference and remember the future of Rotary is in your hands.

Thank you

**Brian**

*N.B. There are no Anns' Antics this month. We will look forward to Mary Sinclair's news in the April edition of Rotavision.*

# The month that was .....

## March 2010

### Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Committees Attendance 86%

- Guests: Sybil Regan, Ben Erasmus, Corinus du Toit (Leon) Old Mutual Regional Marketing Manager
- Penreach sales on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb about R2 500
- Keith and Alan attended Swembe meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> – a number of issues will be brought to WRRRC board. JD appealed to the club to continue their interest and involvement in this golden oldie project.
- Corinus du Toit officially handed over the goodie bags for Discon.

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting Attendance 78%

- John Gerrard was inducted as a Rotarian.
- Betty and Brad from Seeds of Light talked about their outreach work in Acornhoek

### Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting Attendance 78%

- Guests: Ben and Lauren Erasmus, Jurgen, Beate and Michael Wolder, Tim James (Debbie) – speaker
- Arie was thanked for hosting WRRRC at Rocklands Lodge on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. About 15 Rotarians, partners and families enjoyed a braai at this magnificent hunting lodge.
- Gavin reported that WRRRC received a donation of 300+ bottles of good wine (Value about R24 000) from the organizers of the first Lowveld Wine Fest held at Ngwenyama this past weekend. Hopefully the event will be an annual one and WRRRC will be linked with it as a beneficiary on a long term basis.
- Frances reported that calculators donated to some schools a few years ago are still being well used.
- Ed read a letter of appreciation for Camp quality from the Arch himself (Desmond Tutu)
- Lauren Erasmus gave a powerpoint presentation on her trip to Germany as a STEP student in December, with lots of photos of snow.
- Michael Wolder gave a talk on his STEP visit to Brazil – the host family were all for fun and parties in the sun.
- Tim James, introduced by Gavin, gave a fascinating account of his adventures during the last two Freedom Challenge MB trails he has won. He was modest about his phenomenal achievement and kept us enthralled.

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>** No meeting as it was a public holiday. In lieu of this, a bring and braai was held at the Regans home after a Discon committee meeting.

### Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Partners Attendance 78%

- Guests: Eric and Jenny de Jongh (Patrick R)
- Brian Regan reported that all is going full steam ahead for the coming Discon.
- Eric de Jongh is a successful flower farmer in Zimbabwe. He spoke about career choices he has made, some stupid and some not, and how he came to farm with flowers in Zimbabwe and South Africa (Running Dog Roses near White River is one farm). Very amusing like John Cleese. Keith thanked him and he then won the wine draw.

# Project Information

## Camp Quality – 2010 : 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March

Now that the dust of Camp Quality has started to settle we can sit back and reflect on an outstanding project! So many stakeholders were involved and so few problems arose; primarily as a result of your commitment to the project.

At the outset we wanted to make this Camp something really special and that we achieved. As we look through the stakeholders we note the following:

1. *Campers.*

We had a total of 38 Campers to look after – the highest figure yet! Our boys' accommodation was overfull. With the help of Middleburg Cycad we were able to identify more local children as Campers

2. *Sponsors*

The sponsor list just grows as more and more people/businesses offer to play a role. The Campers each went back home with 4 tee-shirts, a soccer ball, a photo album of personal photographs from the Camp put together by Jacki and a neat bag to carry everything in. Most of our needs were covered in terms of donations.

In addition to goods and services, we also received financial support from the Duncan Trust (Derek Stedall) and Middleburg Rotary Club.

3. *Media and Public Relations*

We were interviewed on Radio Jacaranda twice and reporters from both the White River Post and The Lowvelder spent time with us. Jacki kept Camp Quality in the public eye, particularly with the Relay for Life and her Montana sale effort.

4. *Activity Sponsors*

Our Activity sponsors were unbelievable right from the start. The Aero club had organised a wonderful experience for us and the Spur again welcomed us with open arms. Elephant Whispers and Induna were great and a lovely Galito's lunch rounded off one of the days. We still had the motorcycles and old cars and Casterbridge movies and tee-shirt painting plus a visit to Likweti before visiting the chimps and the new Mbombela stadium. Add to this Sibusisu Vilane and finally Ezra and Anton's pottery and Hulala. In all, the support from the community has been amazing!

5. *Helpers*

I honestly believe that we had the best group of Helpers ever, on this Camp. They were great and we appreciate the fact that they were prepared, not only to give up part of their holiday, but also to immerse themselves fully in this project.

6. *Activity Champions*

Our activity champions delivered everything we asked of them and then some more! The interaction between the main activities and the support teams ensured that everything was in place when needed.

One of the areas where we have always felt vulnerable has been in the area of medical support. This year proved to be so much better right from the start. Rob coordinated the medical information and selection of Campers. Sharonn Allmark was again available to help with the nursing side and Zuki, from Bara and the paramedic, Leroy, helped tremendously. The person we would particularly like to thank is Patrick who was called out several times to deal with medical problems which arose. It was a relief to have him on board.

The final dinner was a real highlight and thanks to Frances for coordinating everything and to Judy for addressing the needs of the concert.

7. *Kitchen, Housekeeping and General Control*

Our team dubbed the June Duo, managed to organise and control a huge array of demands from bedding, food, accommodation, collections, deliveries, staff and so much more which happens behind the scenes. They were prominent as the ever-present welcoming faces for the children with a hug and a kind word.

This Duo roped in Mara to help with the catering and this added a new dimension both to the menu and also to the control of goods.

8. *Nelspruit Club*

The Nelspruit club again played a large role not only in the activities on the flying day but also with the braai and photographs and cakes – **THANKS GUYS!**

Thank you for the role you played and the way in which you supported the effort – it was wonderful!

Kind regards,



Ed and June Coombes.

## Letter to the editors:

Dear Rotary Club

My name is Thembi Dlamini and I have had cancer for a long time. I go for treatment at the Johannesburg Hospital. My cancer is very bad and even though I am 15 years old I am very small and cannot see too much as my eyes have been affected by the cancer. At night my mother and brothers and sisters must help me to move around as the cancer has made me nearly blind.

When I was at the hospital last month the Sister told me that the children being treated at the hospital were invited by the White River Rotary club to come on holiday for a week at Camp Quality. I had heard from some of the other children that this was a wonderful thing and I was so excited when my mother said I could go.

We were told to come to the hospital early one morning and then a beautiful big bus came to fetch us. The bus was already full of children from Baragwaneth who had cancer so together with all of us from Johannesburg hospital we filled the bus. We were so excited and when we were on the bus we met Auntie Jacki who was so nice and gave us all our name tags, some sandwiches and juice. The bus was very smart and even had a loo which was very important for me because of my cancer.

We drove for a long time and eventually came to a lovely school in White River where we met Uncle Ed and Auntie June. They were so nice to us and introduced us to our helpers who had to take care of us. My helper's name was Nicola and she was cool. First we went to where we were going to sleep and then we had to give our medicine to Auntie Sharon who would look after us and make sure we took our medicine every day. That night we had a big fire which took ages to light by one of the lady Rotarians dressed in a blanket. We sang and danced around the fire and it was lovely.

The next day another bus fetched us and we were taken to the aeroplanes in Nelspruit. What a wonderful adventure! I sat in a helicopter and then was taken in a small aeroplane and we flew all over. We went right over the new football stadium and saw the town of Nelspruit. The houses looked so small that I could hardly believe that people lived in them and the cars looked like the little toys that I play with at home. After thanking the people who took us in the aeroplanes we went to the Spur and had a lovely lunch. After lunch we all gathered in a group to have a photograph taken to give to the Spur man.

The next day, we were taken to see the elephants at Elephant Whispers. Uncle Andre told us all about the elephants and I actually took some cubes and fed them to the biggest elephant called Tembu. Tembu is so big and I am so small I was quite frightened but he was so gentle I felt quite safe. It was very exciting as I was able to touch the elephants as they lay on the ground and they were so clever that they could understand everything Andre said. When we left the elephants we went to an adventure park and played on all sorts fun things.

On Saturday all the motorcycles came and we rode through White River on the bikes with traffic cops looking after us. We went to Casterbridge and had lunch and saw a movie. It was so cool and we went back to the school and had a braai. Then we swam, and played and listened to a man who had walked all the way to the South Pole! He must be very brave to walk so far.

We also had a game drive but it was cold and raining and I was glad to get back to Uplands school. On Monday we went to chimp Eden which was very interesting as the lady told us they were our closest relatives in the animal kingdom. I wish I could climb trees like they can. We then went to the Mpumalanga Football stadium. Wow this is a big stadium and it is wonderful to think that the whole world will watch football played on this ground.

I was not feeling well and the other Auntie June and Auntie Mara took me back to White River. I was taken to Auntie Rae who tests eyes and she put me in a chair and made me

read all sorts of letters and numbers on a screen. She also took a sharp light and looked deep into my eyes. She told me that she would be able to help me to see better. She said she would bring me a pair of glasses in time for the concert.

Our last day at Camp Quality and I went to do pottery and we started to prepare for the concert. Then Auntie Rae came and gave me a pair of glasses and it was wonderful. My mother cannot afford to pay for glasses and now I can see better. I was in the concert and I sang with other children and by myself. I was able to see the people and even walk down the steps from the stage without help.

When the concert was finished I went to Uncle Rob and put my arms around him. He said to me, "Thembi, how do you feel?"

And I said "I am too happy!"

*(Submitted by Thembi and edited prior to printing)*

Bob and Dorothy met while on a singles cruise and Bob fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Bob was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Bob had taken Dorothy to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Bob became convinced that Dorothy was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Bob took Dorothy to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Bob said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Dorothy took a deep breath and responded, "Bob, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that about the last five years I've been a hooker."

"Oh wow! I see," Bob replied. He looked down at the table, and was quiet for a moment, deep in serious thought then he added, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

***FROM OUR DG, FOR YOUR INFORMATION:***

## **Revised RI Strategic Plan gets back to basics**

By Janis Young

Rotary International News -- 17 November 2009

At its November meeting, the RI Board adopted a revised strategic plan that comprises three priorities, all of equal importance to Rotary's future.

The priorities are:

- Support and strengthen clubs.
- Focus and increase humanitarian service.
- Enhance public image and awareness.

Following a mandate from the Council on Legislation, the Board recently conducted a triennial review of the plan. This review included surveying 14,000 Rotarians worldwide about the organization's priorities and holding focus groups to assess Rotary's image in different countries.

In addition, the Strategic Planning Committee carried out a detailed analysis of Rotary's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges and considered its findings in relation to the organization's mission, vision, and strategic priorities.

The revised plan, effective July 2010, reflects the results of this research. For example, survey responses clearly linked membership growth to strong clubs, and external data indicated that opportunities for service and networking are Rotary's greatest appeal.

The plan also unifies the strategic direction of RI and The Rotary Foundation by emphasizing the connection between clubs' most popular service areas and the areas of focus in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

Moving forward, the Strategic Planning Committee and the RI Board will continue to refine the goals attached to each priority and develop tactics for achieving and measuring success.

"The revised strategic plan focuses RI's efforts on the clubs and getting back to basics," says RI Director Thomas Thorfinnson. "RI's main role should be supporting clubs and helping them to expand their service and publicize the accomplishments of their efforts."



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

# STRATEGIC PLAN

## VISION

The service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented clubs whose contributions improve lives in communities worldwide.

**MOTTO** *Service Above Self*

### SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS

- Foster club innovation and flexibility
- Balance activities in all four Avenues of Service
- Promote membership diversity
- Improve member recruitment and retention
- Develop leaders
- Extend Rotary
- Encourage strategic planning at club and district levels

### FOCUS AND INCREASE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

- Eradicate polio
- Increase sustainable service focused on
  - Youth and young adult programs
  - The Rotary Foundation’s six areas of focus
- Expand strategic partnerships and cooperative relationships
- Create significant projects both locally and internationally

### ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE AND AWARENESS

- Unify image and brand awareness
- Publicize action-oriented service
- Promote core values
- Emphasize vocational service
- Encourage clubs to promote their networking opportunities and signature activities

**CORE VALUES** Service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership

## MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.