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# Rotavision

## Weekly newsletter for the Rotary Club of White River



### VERN'S FUNERAL

Vern works hard at the Phone Company but spends two nights each week bowling and plays golf every Saturday.

His wife thinks he's pushing himself too hard, so, for his birthday she takes him to a local Strip Club.

The doorman at the club greets them and says, "Hey Vern! How ya doin?"

His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before.

"Oh no," says Vern. "He's in my bowling league."

When they are seated, a waitress asks Vern if he'd like his usual and brings over a Budweiser.

His wife is becoming increasingly uncomfortable and says. "How did she know that you drink Budweiser?"

"I recognised her, she's the waitress from the golf club. I always have a Bud at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> nine, honey."

A stripper then comes over to their table, throws her arms around Vern, starts to rub herself all over him and says. "Hi Vern. Want your usual table dance, big boy.?"

Vern's wife, now furious grabs her purse and storms out of the club. Vern follows and spots her getting into a cab. Before she can slam the door, he jumps in beside her.

Vern tries desperately to explain how the stripper must have mistaken him for someone else, but his wife is having none of it. She is screaming at him at the top of her lungs, calling him every 4 letter word in the book. The cabby turns around and says, "Geez Vern, you picked up a real bitch this time."

**VERN'S FUNERAL WILL BE HELD THIS COMING FRIDAY.**

Have a good week

George



#### **Next week's duties and the week ahead:**

**Meeting: - 23rd March 2015**

**Organizer: Hein Gehle**

**Grace and fellowship: Mike Lewis**

**Sergeant: Gary Duke**

**Next weeks meeting: Open meeting**

## Rotary Meeting: 16th March

**Apologies:** Huffy Pott, Debbie van Rooyen, Arie Muller.

**Guests:** Peter Doble, Llew Taylor

JD had tests done in Johannesburg – they will be putting in a stent in a couple of weeks time. Wishing you a speedy recovery, JD!

Huffy thanked everyone for their help with the gala dinner. Gavin thanked Huffy for his input and hard work and Joan felt it was a great advert for Rotary. Looks like we will have made about R25000.00 on the evening.

Don reported that he attended a meeting of people interested in starting a Rotary Club in Hoedspruit.

Brian reported that a successful induction dinner was held at Fundinjobo on Saturday evening and thanked Judy for her hard work. There is a Camp Quality meeting on Tuesday at 6 pm at heuglins.

R2750.00 has been received from the Rotary Club of White River Junction and a donation in memory of Clive is to be made to Hospice. Thank you White River, USA!

Mike Brandon reminded everyone to get their wine show tickets from him and to get selling!

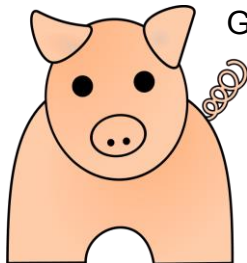
Michael W reported that the money for Mphakama has come in from two clubs in the USA.

Ricky informed the club that 12 Rotarians from India will be visiting our area on a Friendship Exchange and we will need to home host them.

**Wine Draw:** Mike Brandon won the wine draw.

**Sergeant:** Erik was the sergeant.

**Attendance:** 84%



Happy pig:

Ruffians put in money

Leon happy that Dead made the action cricket term

Gavin's daughter turned 40 today

Netto – Kiaat hospital has asked him to be ambassador for the hospital

Patrick – his grandson has been voted most promising player at a cricket academy – only thing – does he play for SA or Australia!?

*Celebrations- birthdays and anniversaries*



*Karen Duke  
17<sup>th</sup> March  
Jackie Robson  
Leon van Zyl  
21 March*



Don't forget: District Conference in White River

18- 21 June

Fun, fellowship, Rotary Information, Fantastic speakers and Inspiration!

**Register now!**

March is Literacy month. Did you know?.....

A 1 percent increase in average literacy rates yields a 1.5 percent permanent increase in the GDP.

Approximately 26 percent of the world's adult population is non-literate.

Women make up two-thirds of all non-literates.

54 million of the 76 million non-literate young women live in only 9 countries: India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congon,

Tanzania, Egypt, and Burkina Faso.

Ninety-eight percent of all non-literates live in developing countries.

In the least developed countries, the overall illiteracy rate is 49 percent.

Fifty-two percent of all non-literates live in India and China.

Africa as a continent has a literacy rate of less than 60 percent.

Adult literacy rates are below 50 percent in Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Guinea, Haiti, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.

In Sub-Saharan Africa since 1980, primary school enrollment has declined, going from 58 percent to 50 percent.

In all developing countries, the percentage of children aged 6-11 not attending school is 15 percent. In the least developed countries, it is 45 percent

Per capita income averages about \$600 in countries with a literacy rate lower than 55 percent.

The more formal schooling a mother gets, the better off her children's health will be. Educated women get prenatal care, boil their water, and take sick kids to doctors. When a mother is educated, illness in her family decreases, and survival increases.

In Mexico, mothers with more formal schooling responded more frequently by talking and looking back when their 10- and 15-month-olds babbled or looked at them. Toddlers whose mothers talked to them more at 15 months scored higher on a language development test.

An average of only one to three years of schooling for a woman reduces early childhood mortality by 10 percent.

More than 20 percent of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level - far below the level needed to earn a living wage.

Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3 - 4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

Makes you think, doesn't it?

*Laughter*  
always the best medicine



**Widen your knowledge .... Some will amuse and some will enlighten!**

**THINGS TO KNOW**

***In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'***

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***Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. ...***

***And thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.***

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***The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.***

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***Coca-Cola was originally green..***

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***It is impossible to lick your elbow.***

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***The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.***

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***Each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history:***

***Spades - King David***

***Hearts - Charlemagne***

***Clubs -Alexander, the Great***

***Diamonds - Julius Caesar***

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***111,111,111 x 111,111,111= 12,345,678,987,654,321***

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***If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.***

***If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.***

***If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.***

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***Q..... If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you***

*would find the letter 'A'?*

*A... One thousand*

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*Q.... What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?*

*A... All were invented by women.*

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*Q... What is the only food that doesn't spoil?*

*A... Honey*

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*In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.*

*Hence the phrase... 'Goodnight , sleep tight'*

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*In English pubs, Ale is ordered by pints and quarts....*

*So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we get the phrase: 'Mind your P's and Q's.'*

*In olden times, homes had thatched roofs in which domestic animals such as cats and dogs would like to hide. In heavy rain, the animals would either be washed out of the thatch, or rapidly abandon it for better shelter, so it would seem to be raining cats and dogs*

*Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up--hence the custom of holding a "wake."*