

# Rotavision

## Weekly newsletter for the Rotary Club of White River



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From the chair...

One of our priorities for this year has been new members. So far we have succeeded in obtaining parity with our objectives for the year. Big welcome to Peter.

Camp Quality has been in all our minds over the past weeks and much praise must go to Brian and his team for a well organised programme. Also many thanks to all our sponsors and those who volunteered to help.

Have a Happy Easter and a good week ahead.

George



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

**NO MEETING MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> EASTER MONDAY**

**Meeting: - 13 April 2015**

**Organizer: Erik Howland**

**Grace and fellowship: Kosy Donga**

**Sergeant: Ronald Daintree**

Mike was well very well fed again this week:

- Mathew just because
- Gavin for being another year older
- Hysons – their family has moved to White River
- Leon glad to welcome Peter
- Rob Sykes glad to be here



### Rotary Meeting: 12 January

**Guests:** Trudi and John Morgan, Peter and Sue Doble, Beverly Formato  
JD back home – weak, but on the road to recovery.

**Brian:** Final Camp Quality meeting at 5 pm at Heuglins on Tuesday

**George:** our club will not be getting a presidential citation this year as we don't have enough points.

**Guest Speaker:** Trudi was our guest speaker – she is our ward councilor and she spoke about how much she enjoys working with children and the elderly and also briefly about some of the challenges of our town.

**Induction:** Peter Doble was inducted as a member.

**Wine draw:** Debbie won the wine draw

**Sergeant:** Debbie was the sergeant for the Anns and entertained us well!

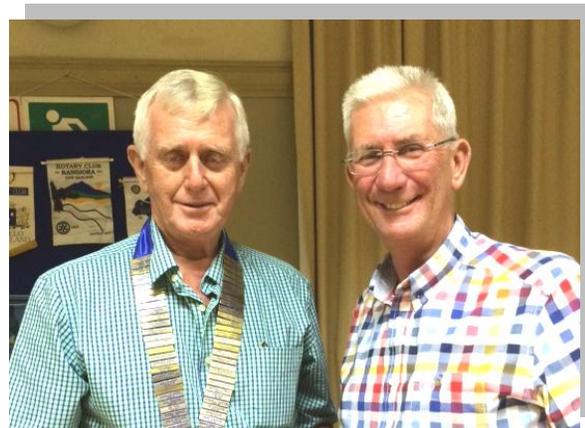
**Attendance:** 73%



President George with Trudi Morgan



A serious looking Debbie who told us some funny stories. Perhaps Queen Elizabeth would say "We are not amused!"



Welcome to our newest member: Peter Doble



March was the month when Rotarians celebrated Literacy Month and this month, we reflect on how through reading we can improve our knowledge of Rotary. Everything in our lives depends on consistent, accurate and constant communication. We receive Rotary communications regularly through our club bulletins, emails from various sources, our Club & District websites, our District Newsletter and most importantly our regional magazine, *Rotary Africa*.

As part of our Rotary membership all Rotarians receive a Rotary magazine. Some members opt to receive the RI publication, "*The Rotarian*", used in North America and in other parts of the world but the preferred option in Africa is *Rotary Africa*.

Spending 30 minutes each month reading the monthly magazine makes Rotarians more knowledgeable about Rotary and better equipped to promote the organisation to friends, family workmates and others. *Rotary Africa* is also a great source of ideas for new and worthwhile service projects and ideas on how to make our clubs more effective. It can also trigger debate and discussion as well as remind us of the value of fun and fellowship In Rotary.

*Rotary Africa* is the magazine read by Rotarians in the approximately 20 countries which form Rotary International's eight Southern and Eastern African districts. Our magazine is part of the Rotary World Magazine Press and is one of its 31 regional magazines. The regional magazines are read by more than half of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. These publications are produced independently by Rotarians, distributed in more than 130 countries and published in 25 languages. They have a combined circulation of 780 000. Each magazine has a local editorial slant but includes articles and photographs of international Rotary interest from *The Rotarian*. *Rotary Africa* has been published since 1927 and is based in the Durban suburb of Westville, South Africa. Our readers hail from Angola, Botswana, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Rotary International is a volunteer organisation with over 33 000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas and initiates humanitarian projects which address challenges affecting the world today, such as health, hunger, poverty and illiteracy.

The official magazine of Rotary International is *The Rotarian*. Though *The Rotarian* is still the flagship publication of Rotary International, there are now 32 regional magazines distributed in more than 130 countries and written in 25 languages. These magazines provide a direct link between Rotary International and all its clubs. They share the information and stories every Rotarian needs to read.

When you have finished reading your magazines, please do not dispose of them. Collect as many as possible from club members and recycle them. Place them anywhere that people are likely to

read them, such as in dental surgeries, doctors' surgeries, hair dressers, schools, libraries, coffee shops etc. Doing this provides an opportunity for non-Rotarians to read about our programs. And don't forget to pass them onto our local Interact Clubs.

If we want to promote Rotary to others, we need to be well informed. Our Rotary magazines remind us that as Rotarians we are part of something larger than ourselves. They show us just how much we can achieve through Rotary and how we can "Light Up Rotary". Please take the time each month to read through your copy of *Rotary Africa* or *The Rotarian* and share it with others.

*Laughter*  
always the best medicine



April 1 has just come and gone - hope none of you were caught by an April Fools prank.

Here are some of the best that have been researched over the years.

**April 1, 2000:** The *Daily Mail* revealed that Esporta Health Clubs had launched a new line of socks, dubbed FatSox, designed to help people lose weight. These revolutionary socks actually sucked body fat out of sweating feet, promising to "banish fat for ever." The American inventor of this weight-loss product, Professor Frank Ellis Elgood, explained that the socks employed a nylon polymer called FloraAstraTetrazine "previously only applied in the nutrition industry." As a person's body heat rose and their blood vessels dilated, the socks drew "excess lipid from the body through the sweat." After having sweated out the fat, the wearer could then simply wash the socks, and the fat, away.



**April 1, 2009:** The Swiss Tourism Board released a video that revealed the secret of why their mountains look so clean. It was due to the hard work of the Association of Swiss Mountain Cleaners, whose members daily scaled the Alps, scrubbing the rocks of unsightly bird droppings. The cleaning not only maintained the beauty of the Alps, but also prevented the droppings from eating away at the rocks, causing cavities that might eventually lead to the complete erosion and disappearance of the mountains. Millions of people watched the video, and 30,000 took the online test to determine whether they had what it took to become a mountain cleaner (aka "Felsenputzer"). Later that year, due to popular demand, the Brunni cable car company began offering an actual mountain cleaning course that attracted would-be Felsenputzers from around the world.

**April 1, 2012:** The British Library, on its [Medieval Manuscripts Blog](#), announced the "near-miraculous" discovery in its archives of a long-lost medieval cookbook that included a recipe for how to cook a unicorn. "Taketh one unicorne," began the instructions, and then marinade it in cloves and garlic before finally roasting it on a griddle. The cookbook even included hand-drawn illustrations, which the library reproduced, showing exactly how the unicorn should be grilled. The compiler of the cookbook was said to be one "Geoffrey Fule," who worked in the kitchens of Philippa of Hainault, Queen of England from 1328-1369.

**April 1, 2014:** The renowned King's College Choir is not known for farce. This made it noteworthy when they released a video announcing that complex regulations had made it impractical to continue featuring young boys in the choir, and that they had been forced to find other ways to replicate the high pitch of the boys' preadolescent voices. Because the older choral scholars had vetoed the "surgical solution," the choir leaders had finally adopted a suggestion made by a colleague in the Chemistry Department — use helium. The video, demonstrating the use of helium during a performance, generated almost 1 million views on YouTube.