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Tuesday night saw the arrival at the Winkler Hotel guests all formally attired and ready to celebrate this amazing event.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate 60 years of service to the White River communities and to look back with pride at what the members of this club have achieved.

We were also incredibly fortunate to have a PRIP and current chair of the Rotary Foundation at our dinner. Ray Klingensmith who first came to South Africa in 1961 as an Ambassadorial Scholar joined us in celebrating this event. Brian and I were fortunate enough to host him and join with him and a couple of other Rotarians on a trip to the Kruger Park. We enjoyed meeting him and shring some ideas about Rotary.

We had a fantastic turn out of White River Rotarians – just about every Rotarian who was in town was at the function. There were a couple of people missing because they were away. We had several past presidents of the club as well as visiting Rotarians and people interested in joining Rotary.

Albie gave a brief talk on the history of the club and launched his new updated version of the history of the club. Janine Taljaard, president of Nelspruit Rotary

Club (who were originally the sponsor club of White River) gave a brief address and challenged our club to sponsor more Rotary Clubs in the area.

Ray Klingensmith was our guest speaker. He gave a moving address and spoke about himself and his journey in Rotary and how he first came to this country and learnt about the “real me”. It was inspiring and everyone enjoyed his address.

The Winkler Hotel produced a cake for the occasion – after all, what is a birthday without a cake?! The Staff sang Happy Birthday to the club and entered into the spirit of the occasion. Thank you to everyone at the Winkler Hotel for a delicious meal and superb service.

The tables looked beautiful and Julie and her team did an wonderful job with the table décor. What a brilliant ideal to use succulents instead of flowers!

Enjoy some pictures of the evening!

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