



Rotavision The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of White River



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Patrick: On my soapbox

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As [World Polio Day](#) approaches (24 October) an email from a member of our Rotary club set me thinking. He drew my attention to the need to have scale of priorities against which we, as Rotarians, should decide where to spend our precious time and money. To illustrate his point he referred to a [Fin24 report](#) which, amid some questionable journalistic hype, highlighted hunger, debt and the work of KFC's commendable '[Add Hope](#)' campaign. It set me wondering whether we are not putting the cart before the horse. Are there not just too many mouths to feed and should we not be addressing our efforts at curbing the population explosion? Is Rotary doing anything about this anyway? I searched My Rotary with little success. I did find a year-old 'Areas of Focus' policy document where 'family planning' and 'birth control' (a dirty word these days) were mentioned (once) as part of 'Maternal and Child Health' but obscured by HIV/AIDS and HPV infection and the need to educate. A Google search revealed that Rotary in Australia does have family planning projects but they are thin on the ground elsewhere. There are some [interesting ways](#) of looking at the problem but Rotary does not seem to be there. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, our partners in polio eradication, is very [active in this area](#). Maybe Rotarians should be joining them, as they joined us to fight polio. Which has the higher priority in the Anthropocene?

Monday's meeting – 28th September 2015

What happened?

Liz showed the club the signs she has had printed honouring Lucy at masoyi and recognizing the contribution made by Round Square. There are also signs for Lwaleng and an official handover of the new classrooms will take place once the last classroom is complete.

Erik reported back on the Rotary Family Health Days – see Telling our Stories

Ricky reminded everyone that the Swedish Friendship Exchange Group arrive on Friday 13th November. They have all been allocated to various hosts.

Hitesh gave an interesting little talk on Polio. The last remaining country in Africa, Nigeria, has been polio free for a year. A country has to be free of the disease for three years before being declared disease free. That only leaves Afghanistan and Pakistan – we are getting there!

Sergeant: Mathew was our sergeant.

Pretty Belinda:

- ❖ Leon gave Hitesh some money for Pretty Belinda – is he happy to have a tummy bug?
- ❖ Chery has survived and `18th birthday and a 21st birthday in the past few weeks!
- ❖ Hein is happy to have 4 southern hemisphere teams in the Rugby semi finals.
- ❖ Don is happy that Rita is clear after a melanoma
- ❖ Brian was happy that it was a colourful meeting.
- ❖ Erik's son is safely home from France
- ❖ Mike Lewis' team is Argentina and they are doing well
- ❖ Warren
- ❖ Ruffians



Next week's duties:

- Organizer: Arie
- Grace and Fellowship: Adrian
- Sergeant: Anns

Next meeting: Partners with a guest speaker

Arie	Huffy
Peter	Kosy
Llew	George
Michael C	Joan
Nic	Judy
Albie	Leon
Michael W	Mike B
Adrian	

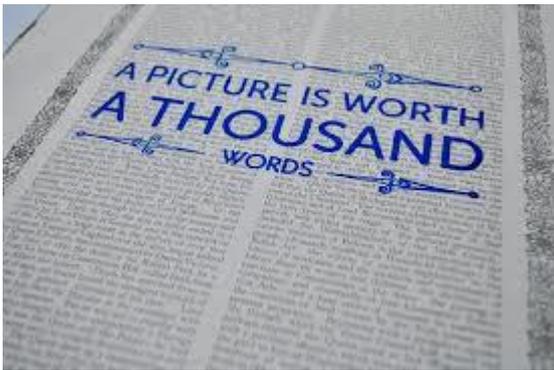


- MMC counselling
- Eye examinations

Those beneficiaries who test positive are counselled and sent to their local care networks for further treatment.

This is an amazing project which touches the lives of many thousands of people. Of course, as with any project of this magnitude, there were some hiccoughs, but all in all the RFHDs were a success and we can be proud to be part of such a great initiative.

Next year, perhaps we will man our own site but we will need the buy in from more club members in order to achieve this.



Rotary Family Health Days near Nelspruit





Well done, Erik - you did a great job as champion of this project.



Getting to know your new Rotarians:

Luiza Ferreira

Luiza was born in Madeira, and arrived in South Africa when she was 7 years old. She lived in Johannesburg for about 3 years then the family relocated to White River. She went to White River primary and then on to Lowveld high.

Before she got into property sales, she owned 2 take away businesses in White River, but has been selling property since 2003

She has 2 boys , Dinarte 16 and Victor 23. She got divorced and their dad then passed away.

Her parents currently live in Madeira and she tries to go there as often as possible. She also has a brother who lives in White River.

She was involved with child welfare for about a year and is currently a member of White River Rate Payers association.

She can speak and read in Portuguese , but finds it difficult to write and spell!

Welcome to our club Luiza – I am sure your many talents will be really useful to us in many ways. We hope you have a long, happy relationship with the Rotary Club of White River!

On the lighter side



Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Politicians and nappies should be changed often, and for the same reason.