

Rotavision



Rotary Club of White River



September 2010



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

Tuesday 18:15 Barberton Barberton Golf Club
 Thursday 13:00 Nelspruit Zest Restaurant, iLanga Mall
 (Phone the president first to check)

What's on?

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Frances Hyson	1 October	Don & Rita	25 October
Elna v d Venter	12 October	Albie & Elna	12 October
Debbi van Rooyen	10 November	Special events	
Kobus van Rooyen	11 November	Rotary Found Seminar	9 October
Ricky Pott	18 November	Board Picnic	10 October
Dot Weir	18 November	Duck Race	16 October
Frauke Oosthuizen	28 November	Progressive Dinner	November

PENREACH DATES

Primary

30 October

13 November (Awards)

Pre-Primary

23 October

6 November (Awards)

The month that was September 2010

Mon 6th – Committees' meeting at Ingwenyama

- Visitor – Stoffel de Kock
- DG's visit and dinner 9th September at Ingwenyama
- Second Chance excursion will take place on 22nd September at 10.00am.
- 10111 call centre visit to take place in the afternoon of 15th September.
- The Spring Brunch to take place at the Camerons' farm on 12th September at 10.30am. The cost is R50 per person.
- The club is requesting members to provide accommodation for 6 Swedish couples who will be visiting the Lowveld from 16th or 17th to 20th November.
- Wine Draw won by Keith Kirton
- **Attendance 68%.**

Mon 13th – Regular meeting at Ingwenyama

- Visitors – Rtn Lindsay Stewart from Kirkcaldy, Firth, Scotland. Previously a resident of the Lowveld now back in Scotland in the construction business.
- Joys and sorrows was all to do with rugby. The club wished Nic and Joan luck for their forthcoming wedding on Saturday.
- Speaker – Kobus Bester formally in IT in Gauteng now living in Kaapsehoop working in 'Executive Coaching'. He gave an excellent talk on 'Leadership' stressing the importance of EQ vs IQ and the 'coaching approach' to leadership.
- AG Frances Hyson rapped the club over the knuckles for the members' poor support of the DG's meeting and dinner on 9th September. Only 30% of members were present.
- Wine draw won by JD Weir
- **Attendance 83%**

Mon 20th – Information evening RI Strategy Plan at Ingwenyama

- Unfortunately the projector would not work so the RI Strategy Plan could not be discussed.
- Rotary Visitors – Anastasia and Aglaea Demertzis from Pretoria East Rotary Club and the Pretoria East Rotary Anns respectively.
- The club congratulated Nic and Joan van Zyl on their marriage on Saturday 18th September.
- Don gave the club R250 from the fines box and R1,020 from the RF box at KMIA and informed the meeting that there were still moneys to be counted.
- He also made a request for more Rotarians to go to Penreach to help Books in Homes.
- The chairman of Penreach, Rhodes, to be requested to address the club at the partners' evening. Brian Hyson and Gavin Sinclair are both on the Penreach Board but there hasn't been a meeting recently. The Weirs and Marie Lewis thanked for their work for Penreach as well as those Rotarians who help sell books.
- Judy Pott took our exchange students to Modimolle for a youth camp over the weekend.
- The Polokwane Rotary club is involved in a project to collect one million 5c coins which the bank will exchange for R5 coins. This money will purchase learning aids for the handicapped and WRRRC members were requested to collect 5c coins.
- The Duck Race to take place on 16th October. There are four main races and tickets will cost R50 each and R10 for the children's race. 1,000 tickets are to be printed. Rotarians to sell tickets. There are four main races – sponsors, stall holders, ducklings and ducks.
- Wine Draw won by Kosi Dongo.
- **Attendance 73%.**

Mon 27th – Partners' meeting at Ingwenyama

- Rotary visitors - PP Stoffel de Kock and our Anns.
- Visitors – Mike Matthews, Johan Hattingh, Sandile Tshabalala and partners.
- Mike Matthews gave a most informative illustrated talk on building an environmentally passive house using eco-friendly methods. For more information please visit <http://greenroadtrip.blogspot.com/>.
- Judy Pott informed the meeting that the Capricorn Club in Polokwane is the Rotary Club collecting 5c coins and the bank

involved is the FNB. This money (R5,000,000 for one million 5c pieces) will be used to provide a training centre for deaf people.
PLEASE BRING HER YOUR 5C PIECES!!!!

- One of the students going to Brazil is having financial problems and, if he cannot go, this will impact on an incoming exchange student. She requested WRRC to host a student for five weeks over the December period.
- Rob Sykes has the Duck Race organized – the posters are printed and there will be a committee meeting on Tuesday evening. Tables to sell tickets will be positioned at iLanga Mall and Riverside Mall on the two Saturday mornings before race day and outside the Pick 'n Pay in White River from 4.30pm from Tuesday afternoon onwards. People are asked to set aside time to man these tables. We will make a profit of R60,000 if we can sell all 1,000 tickets.
- Wine draw won by Jackie Robson.
- **Attendance 71%.**

RICKY'S RAMBLE

If you weren't moved after hearing our last meeting's guest speaker, Mike Mathews, telling us about the new house that he had built, then there's no hope for you! We know that we have too great a dependency on oil-based products. We know that we are polluting our waters, soils, seas and air. We know that we are destroying the biological diversity of our fragile planet and, that by doing so, we are planting the seeds of our own destruction. We know that we are living high off the hog and are depleting the fish stocks of our oceans. **But what are we doing about it?** Probably not too much, at this stage, but Mike is and he is an example to us all.

Let's look beyond our White River Rotary Club and look at the world-wide Rotary family. Let's assume that there are 1.2 million Rotarians world-wide. Multiply by four to cater for the average family. That gives us 4.8 million Rotarians and family members distributed throughout the world. Now let's play some mental games. If each Rotarian and their family members could save 100 litres of petrol per year, 1000 litres of water and 100 kWh, we would have saved:

Petrol – 480 million litres
Water – 4800 million litres
Electricity – 480 million kWh.

Wow! Let's do it! I know you are going to say that everything we save will just be used by someone else, so what's the point? The point is that we have made a conscious effort and when the crunch comes, as it inevitably will, we will be in a better place, mentally, to cope with the changes it will bring in our lives. The laws of supply and demand dictate that the prices of fuel, water, food and electricity are going to soar. Only the ultra-wealthy will be able to afford international air travel. Pop-up sprays in the garden will only be seen in museums! We will be forced to feed lower off the food chain because protein will not only be scarce, but hideously expensive. We will become more dependent on insects as food.

The only people whose lives are not going to change drastically are those who don't have motor cars, running water or electricity. The first will be last and the last will be first.

This reminds me of something that happened to me years ago, when I had just learned that I had passed Matric. I decided to walk from our farm on the Yaverland Road to White River, taking the short-cut past the old Planters' Club, where Cheryl grew up. The path crosses the Gabriel Spruit and comes out near the Karula Hotel. However, when I got to the river, I found that it was in flood and the stepping stones that were normally high and dry, were hidden under rushing, turbid water. I paused on the bank of the rushing river, uncertain how to proceed, until I saw a young umfaan of about eight years old on the other side. In pantomime he showed me that I should remove my shoes and socks. And then he made a great show of finding a long stick. He demonstrated how I should use the stick to locate the hidden stepping stones and thus cross the river! I predict that we have a lot to learn from people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us not be too proud to learn from them!

The Rotary Club of White River is in the process of becoming more intimately involved with WESSA (the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) whose mission is to promote public participation in caring for the earth. Our main interest is in getting the Enviro Quiz up and running, but that is just a start. We all have to learn to care for our earth better than we have in the past. It has been identified that we are the first generation that have it in their power to completely destroy our little planet and the last generation that are in a position to save it.

So it really is up to us. Do we want to leave our children's children a blasted wasteland where "the sedge is withered from the lake, and no bird sings"? Or do we want to learn how to contain our burgeoning populations and live within the limits of what our little planet can provide?

Let us lead by example and make a difference!

President Ricky Pott

ANN'S ANTICS - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2010

Our August was heralded in with a scrumptious meal served by Sue Howland after our meeting closed. With the Kruger Park trip a memory, we got down to some strictly Rotary fellowship in the form of our Christmas-in-August celebration. I would like to thank all those who helped with the preparations and also all those Rotarians who attended. I hope that you do not subject your children to 'Secret Santa/Evil Elf' at the proper Christmas. Thank you also to the Rotarians for allowing us to keep the profits from the day.

We also had our first stint, in my term of office, of doing the quarterly sandwiches for the White River Primary School.

September was 'Happy Spring' and we were blessed with a beautiful day for our Spring Brunch. The setting was stunning, the music calming and great fun and fellowship was had by all those who attended. Thank you again to all those who made the occasion possible, including our 'super shopper', Rae. Many thanks to Malcolm and Ethne for opening their beautiful home to us!

We also had our DG's visit during which we heard from his Ann her plans for this year and what she requires of us as an active Anns' club. We presented her with a gift from Antjie Newton after our meeting.

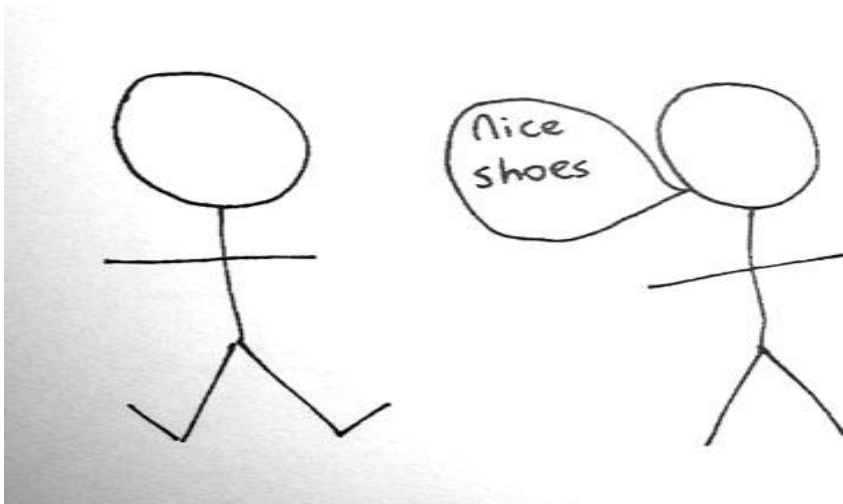
And now for a little aside:

Birds do, bees do it,
Even gardeners on their knees do it,
Let's do it –

Let's celebrate spring!
Birds do it, bees do it,
People say in Boston even beans do it,
Let's do it –
Let's celebrate spring!

Enjoy spring everyone!!

Lucielle.



NEW GENERATIONS

September is New Generations Month. Rotary has recognized that it is important to get youth and young adults to become actively involved in Rotary and in April, representatives at the Council on Legislation approved New Generations as the fifth avenue of service in Rotary clubs. It now takes its place with Community service, Club service, Vocational service and International service.

RI President Ray Klingensmith says the new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future.

"The Council wanted to be sure New Generations programs were given adequate attention by clubs," says Klingensmith. "Rotarians just want to be up front and recognize the importance of these programs. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world."

Programmes in New Generations Service include RYLA, Rotaract, Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange



Youth Exchange

There are two different Youth Exchange programmes – long-term and short-term exchanges.

A long-term exchange student spends a year with a few host families and attends school in a different country.

Short-term students spend about 6 weeks. In both programmes, the students learn a new way of life, they learn about themselves and often learn a new language. They are ambassadors for their country and impart knowledge, culture and ideas from their home countries. This helps to bring the world closer. More than 8000 young people take part in the programme each year.



Rotaract

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. In many parts of the world, this is one of Rotary's most significant and fastest growing service programmes. There are more than 8,200 clubs in about 170 countries. As in Rotary clubs, Rotaractors address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace.

Many Rotaractors work together with Interact clubs, take part in RYLA, become Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars or Group Study exchange team members, and often go on to join local Rotary clubs.



Interact

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs.

There are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and almost 20,000 young people are involved in Interact.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities



Rotary Club of White River

Programme: October 2010

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISER	GRACE & FELLOWSHIP	SERGEANT AT ARMS	INFORMATION
4 Oct	Committees	Liz	Debbie	Ben	Patrick M
6 Oct	Board meeting @ Ed C				
11 Oct	Member speaker – Ian D	Ed	Ian	Brian H	Foundation
16 Oct	Duck race				
18 Oct	Information evening. RI Strat plan	Tracy	Frances	Julie	
25 Oct	Partners. Speaker – Renate	Keith	Mike	Anns	

WHITE RIVER ROTARY CLUB PROJECTS

We have put together a list of some of the most important projects WRRC is involved with so you know who to contact.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS – ROB SYKES

We have completed the following projects:

Distributed blankets from Autotec – thanks to Sharon.

Prescription glasses supplied to albinos – thanks to Keith.

Camp Quality; this was completed successfully in March – thanks to Ed and June Coombes.

Masoyi – this is an on-going project. We have received a R16,000 donation and are in the process of planning improvements.

Community Forum – negotiations ongoing with the Nelspruit Community Forum.

Water Project – negotiations with Charlie Clemens have stalled but we have received an offer of a grant from the 'Water Man' which we are pursuing.

Partnerships – we intend opening various opportunities with corporate bodies, radio stations and newspapers for community projects.

Books In Homes is independent but is an ongoing community project.

FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS – KEITH KIRTON

All of our fellowship projects are once-off projects:

Silver Seniors to KNP

Christmas in August

Spring Brunch

Duck Race (More Rob Sykes' project though)

Progressive dinner

Kaapschehoop picnic

Klipkraal Dam

Weekend in the KNP

Our youth projects are on a much more interactive level:

Ryla in the beginning of September

Interactors meetings (monthly)

Exchange students (as and when they are here)

Two other club projects that I am involved with are the Golf Day and the Silver Seniors trip to SWEMBE.

ROTARY SPRING BRUNCH

“Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where dem boidies is?” WRRC celebrated spring on 12th September in a true spirit of fellowship with a delicious brunch at the Cameron’s beautiful farm. There were 32 Rotarians present ranging in age from pre-primary children to venerable and some not-so-venerable grandparents and everything in between. The Anns provided us with a magnificent feast, the liquids flowed and we all enjoyed each other’s company. After we had experienced some chilly damp days during the week, Sunday 12th dawned clear, warm and sunny – a perfect day for the brunch. It appears that the Rotary custom of falling, slipping or helping your friends into the swimming pool has passed onto the next generation. A certain young man, not unrelated to the MacPhails, ‘helped’ a Miss Dermauw and her friend into the Cameron’s pool. Poor Lucielle had to take two wet ladies home to dry out!! I expect they will take their revenge on some future outing!



ORGANISER

Phone the others on duty to remind them about their responsibilities.

Contact Club Administration for replacements, if person on duty is not available.

Be responsible for the meet & greet table from 17H30.

Arrange that all the seats at the main table are filled.

Do the wine draw

INFORMATION

Inform the Club on any aspect relating to Rotary.

Be prepared to talk for 2 – 3 minutes.

SERGEANT- AT- ARMS

See that the meeting starts on time.

Fine members for their transgressions – real or imagined.

Add humour, try something different.

Ensure that proper decorum is maintained throughout the meeting.

GRACE AND FELLOWSHIP

Say Grace and welcome any visitors.

Announce birthdays, wedding anniversaries, joys and sorrows

Read Object of Rotary or the 4-Way test

WEDDING BELLS



On 18th September the Rotary clubs of Nelspruit and White River amalgamated with the marriage of Nic van Zyl from our club and Joan Schormann from the other side of the boerewors curtain in Nelspruit. White River Rotary Club wishes them every happiness in their future together – may their path together be full of love, laughter and lots of travel. WRRC is privileged to welcome Joan van Zyl as a member – Nelspruit's loss is WRRC's gain.