

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay

## Bay Breezes



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### **Armistice Day – 11th November** Remembrance Sunday today

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**

**Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae**



Where will you be and what will you be doing at 11.00am tomorrow, Monday 11th November?

### No Clubhouse meeting last Tuesday

There was no meeting at our Clubhouse last Tuesday owing to the occupation of same by a bunch of Tuna fishermen.

Having been told to go elsewhere we did. To Casareccio in Hout Bay [chosen specifically so that Terry and Terri could get home in 20 paces].

We made a pretty impressive party with very good attendance by members and partners. Even Athol joined us for pudding! So no speaker and no business but just good company and good food. Well worth it once in a while.

-Ed-

### This coming Tuesday

This Tuesday we are graced with the presence of past Hout Bay Rotarian, Matt Mercer who will be speaking to us regarding the state of the housing market in Hout Bay.

As most, if not all of us are aware, Matt is one of the leading Estate Agents in the Hout Bay area and this editor for one is most interested to hear from Matt on the subject. Not least of all because I am house-hunting at the moment.

### **Visit to The Chris Barnard Heart Museum, Thursday 28 November.**

This fascinating, but little known place, has been brought together by dedicated people, it is a fantastic part of medical history which projected South Africa on to the World stage.

The original part of Groote Schuur Hospital, including the operating theater, has been given over to this site and these details really emphasize today's advance in Medical science

The tour leaders are Groote Schuur people, so have a first hand knowledge of the details, the event and those that too part.

The tour takes two hours, it's not strenuous and includes a forty minute video presentation about Chris Barnard, the lead up to the event and his life afterwards.

The tour starts at 11am and I have organised lunch at the Rhodes Memorial restaurant afterwards. Let's hope the weather is on our side.

There's plenty of parking outside the Museum.

The cost is R50 for old toppers.

Enjoy your Sunday  
Dave Heath

*Below is a past message from Neville which I failed to include in the issue of BB that week. My e-filing system failed me for the first and only time. Apologies to Neville, particularly since I am always pushing members and readers to contribute to Bay Breezes. -ed-*

Joyce & I attended a predictably enjoyable & lively meeting of the RC of North Napa on Tue 10 Sep 13.

No banners were exchanged as, of course, this had been done some years before.

Photo shows Neville Morris sharing the 4 Way Test with their President, Mike Riddle.

Funnily enough, in the weekly raffle, tickets bought by both J & I were somehow drawn in succession, with quality cosmetics & premium wine as prizes . . . the photo confirms that this couldn't have been a fiddle (if you'll excuse the pun).

This active club has about 35 members of which several ladies . . . and no "swallows".

Greetings

Neville



### A message from Suzie

It seems a very long time since I was last in Hout Bay ( mid June ) and attended a HB Rotary meeting. It is good to receive Bay Breezes and keep abreast of what you are all up to.

I hear Christo is moving on from James House. Please give him my best wishes for the future. I look forward to meeting Edwin, the new manager.

I am enjoying my stay in London and am not returning until early January. It is lovely to be needed - as I am, very much - with the care of my amazing grandson.

I have attended three meetings with the Ealing Rotary club so mark me down for three make ups. They are a small ( 15 ) but very active group and have made me very welcome.

I am joining them on a " raid" to the Chiswick and Brentford group this Wednesday -so make that 4 !

Warm regards

Suzie



### PnP scam - something to watch out for

This could happen to you, so please take note..Incident @ Canal walk 2day @ 4pm.

I was at PnP in a busy long queue, everyone wanting to pay and go. My few groceries exceeded the total I was expecting, so I queried this with the teller. We kept the ppl waiting, some moving on, while we went through my packets, trying to find the problem. The supervisor was called to extract half the items, and I noticed the balance drop slightly, but it was still too high.

I noticed the word "vodago", and questioned this, and the teller kept saying it was nothing, trying to keep my attention on payments, and then when I asked the supervisor, and she told me the R110 was for vodacom, I got mad.

I NEVER asked for airtime, and we took that off the bill. The teller seemed flustered, and acted innocent, and all this drama was witnessed by other eager shoppers, who said they would scrutinise their transactions.

A mistake can happen, but why was this one transaction put on my tab, without my knowledge or consent, and then casually ignored when questioned? If it wasn't for the supervisor, I would have been a stupid shopper, paying for airtime I did not order, and Im assuming I would never have seen.

The man before me had 1 pkt of groceries, and his bill came to R900, paid for with a credit card. I bet he got charged R110 airtime also... whats up with some tellers?

The manager promised he would look into this.. and I sincerely hope no other shopper goes through this.

*Courtesy of "Traffic Fines" on Facebook*

## **An observation and a little history about Hout Bay Rotary - Don Peters**

As our Sgt has recently told us its good to have the 'swallows' back and they come with good news, great ideas and plenty of enthusiasm. How special it is to create contacts by ourselves with the traditional make-ups when we are travelling and of course to welcome visiting Rotarians to our own Club.

When the table mats were first designed and the originals were to identify the Ashley Kaimowitz Memorial Fund we thought they would be 'interesting' and hopefully 'informative'. It has worked, many of the mats have 'left' us and travelled to various Rotary Clubs around the world. Patrick's contribution with the 'Operation Medical Hope' project table mat added to the interest that our Club was creating with visiting Rotarians. May I just identify some interesting cases where the contact with a Rotarian from another Club in another country have benefitted projects in our own community.

Each week we toast the Coolamon Club in Australia, we are twinned but lets start from the beginning. Rotarian John Glassford of the Coolamon Club contacted the Hout Bay Club and told a story about climbing a mountain with a team from Australia to raise funds for Rotary projects in Africa. I am simplifying the story – with great respect to John Glassford from whom I seek his indulgence. John's initial approach was ( and we do perhaps is some cases have to apologise for a degree of disbelief) perhaps misunderstood or was far to progressive for a Hout Bay Rotarian to comprehend. But like a kookaburra (a laughing jackass) this strange cry from an Australian Rotarian grew and we realised that this was someone special.

The success of the Kili climb and the support given by Coolamon and other neighbour clubs in Aussie was amazing. So what was it ? Fellow Rotarians talking, writing, emailing each other because friendships, support , generosity and a bonding that has provided Rotary Hout Bay for Operation Medical Hope and also for the Nonceba Centre project with amazing financial and personal rewards.

The continuing contact with Coolamon and John Glassford gets stronger and stronger, not because of any great fund raising scheme but because of that personal contact and esprit de corps that we enjoy with each other.

In Bay Breezes last week and at our meeting Tuesday before last you have heard about the generosity of the Luton Chiltern Rotary Club in England, again let us start at the beginning and give recognition to another visiting Rotarian, Harold Allsopp. Here is a Rotarian with a holiday home in Hout Bay attending our Clubs meetings during his stay and taking note of what our Club was doing and then on returning to his own Club telling them about us.

Because of Harold's belief in Rotary and the opportunity it gave him to meet and make new friends his 'reports' to Luton Chiltern Club have resulted in many very generous donations from his Club.

Like the Coolamon Club, because of Harold's report back each time he visits, contact has got stronger and stronger and again not because of any fund raising activity.

Patrick, whilst running Operation Medical Hope, and it started in 1999, has met many who have helped.

The late Cecil Graham, a member of our Club, and Rae his wife, an Honorary Member, introduced their daughter and it's a beautiful story of the introductions that followed on resulting in the establishing of contact with USA Rotary Clubs that formed a major part of the Matching Grant for OMH. More recently the President of a Rotary Club in Melbourne, Australia wrote to Patrick and again a fantastic bonding and the additional surprise of financial assistance.

Few of us will remember the Fire Engine that came from Dorset all because of personal contact between a member of our Club, Prof Cecil Block and a Club in Dorset where he had attended a meeting.

Hans Kuhn, a Rotarian from Switzerland originally, but because of his Rotary contacts was able to provide amazing funding for the Small Business Project. Fedde Renkema whose contacts and family helped with the sustaining of the bursary fund.

Another Hout Bay ex member and now an Honorary member, John Whitton whose cousin in the Howden Rotary Club in England was a major contributor to two Matching Grants the Club had.

Mirjam Anema, another ex member who returned to live in Holland and supported the bursary scheme.

Of course I am bound to have forgotten someone, so let's say this is part one of the history of members. Can I make the observation that the contact between fellow Rotarians internationally has been immensely important for Hout Bay Rotary? It underlines the need for us to be far more active when we are meeting visiting Rotarians at our Club.

There will be some comment about other methods of fund raising and yes, Hout Bay has been pretty successful. In 1986 we raffled a computer and made R10 000 which went immediately as the Club's donation to the opening of Polio Plus.

An ambulance project collected from the community of Hout Bay and resulted in an ambulance completely fitted out being based in the valley.

But the real successes have been those where there has been that personal contact, this is a strength of our Club, this is something we are comfortable with and it is an area that we must make every effort to strengthen and particularly when visiting Rotarians are with us.

### **Famous one-liners**

#### **Groucho Marx (1890-1977):**

'I never forget a face, but in your case I'd be glad to make an exception

#### **Tommy Cooper (1921-1984)**

'I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already.'

#### **Billy Connolly (24 November 1942-):**

'My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

#### **Spike Milligan (1918-2002):**

'Chopsticks are one of the reasons the Chinese never invented custard.

#### **Bob Newhart ( September 5, 1929-):**

'I don't like country music, but I don't mean to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means 'put down'

#### **Homer Simpson (1987-):**

'Trying is the first step towards failure.'

***Following complaints made to the IRB about the All Blacks being allowed to motivate themselves by performing the 'Haka' before their games, other nations were asked to suggest pre-match rituals of their own.***

***The IRB Committee has now agreed to the following pre-match displays:***

- 1.. The England team will chat about the weather, wave hankies in the air and attach bells to their ankles before moaning about how they invented the game and gave it to the world, and how it's not fair that everyone still thinks New Zealand are the best team in the world.
2. The Scotland team will chant "You lookin' at me Jimmy?" before smashing an Iron Bru bottle over their opponents' heads.
- 3.. The Ireland team will split into two, with the Southern half performing a Riverdance, while the Northerners march the Traditional route from their dressing room to the pitch, via their opponents dressing room.
- 4.. Argentina will unexpectedly invade a small part of opposition territory, claim it as their own "Las In-Goals-Areas" and then be forcibly removed by the match stewards.
- 5.. Two members of the South African team will claim to be more important than the other 13 whom they will imprison between the posts whilst they claim the rest of the pitch for themselves.
- 6.. The Americans will not attend until almost full time. In future years they will amend the records to show that they were in fact the most important team in the tournament and Hollywood will make a film called 'Saving No.8 Lyle'.
- 7.. Five of the Canadian team will sing La Marseillaise and hold the rest of the team to ransom.
- 8.. The Italian team will arrive in Armani gear, sexually harass the female stewards and then run away.
- 9.. The Spanish will sneak into the other half of the pitch, mow it and then claim that it was all in line with European "grass quotas". They will then curl up under the posts and have a kip until half time, when their appeal for compensation against the UK Government will be heard.
- 10.. The Japanese will attempt to strengthen their team by offering good salaries to the key opposition players and then run around the pitch at high speed in a highly efficient manner before buying the ground (with a subsidy from the UK Government).
- 11.. The French will declare they have new scientific evidence that the opposition are in fact all mad. They will then park lorries across the halfway line, let sheep loose in the opposition half (much to the delight of the WELSH) and burn the officials.
- 12.. The Australians will have a barbie before negotiating lucrative singing and TV contracts in the UK. They will then invite all their mates to come and live with them in Shepherds Bush."
- 13.. Unfortunately the Committee were unable to accept the Welsh suggestion following representations from the RSPCA.

**Finally, but by no means of any less importance, I would like to keep the general wider readership, outside of our immediate club member group, more up to date and appraised regarding our various projects and efforts in the community. Therefore, can I please implore those who are active in the community to give me a quick update.**

**Please, this is important. Bay Breezes should be a weekly magazine highlighting focused mostly on what we are doing. Some members have been kind enough to tell me how they enjoy Bay Breezes but I am keenly aware of it's shortcomings in content.**

**I remain indebted to those who do contribute regularly but I have to warn some of you others that I shall have to be tapping you on the shoulder shortly!**

**see you on Tuesday**

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