

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes



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A fine evening.....

Well, there you have it. Another Rotary year. Another president and another year of achievement. The Look Out restaurant, below our own club premises, was the venue for the passing of the baton from president Christine Paterson to past-president Peter Dutton, Christine having been the first lady president in the history of Rotary Club of Hout Bay.

The club was graced by DG elect Ian Pursch and by stalwart supporter from Lions. Liz Huckle, probably one of the few Lions with a Paul Harris worldwide. Wives and partners a-plenty sprinkled the great table settings and two bottle of wine per table (gratis) ensured a great party atmosphere.

All agreed that it had been a good year with Christine at the helm. From day one of her term of office, she attacked problems facing the club with vigour and enthusiasm and, most important of all, achieved the seemingly impossible – the re-establishment of the club's connection with schools with the help of Hans Kuhn and Earlyact is now alive in Hangberg as Rotaract used to be.



Great credit to president Christine as well with all her other achievements, such as the donation of an ecohoapp scanner for preggie mums to Victoria Hospital and, most of all, for having taken on so many tasks and projects, not only as a new Rotarian but also with so many absences of the board on leave, work, travel and sickness absenteeism.

A great year indeed and our thanks and gratitude to her, and the board that supported her, throughout 2014/5.

Under the expert management of our experienced past sergeant-of-arms/MC/people organiser cum entertainer par excellence, David Heath, a great evening of fellowship coupled with traditional hand-over ceremonies was enjoyed by all; the food was good and our new president, suave and polished as usual, took on the mantle of power.

With good grace he announced his new team, published elsewhere in this edition of Bay Breezes. Pictures by courtesy of past president John Routley. David fought hard to get through the restaurant noise but managed well with the usual aplomb....so perhaps a different venue next year not shared with the public.

Past president Don Peters, our one remaining charter member, gave of his best as usual with the thoughtful idea of two Ashley Kaimowitz awards for ladies who had performed well in the true style of good Rotarians, not only in their avenue of service but those "who went the extra mile". One of the two awards was to a non-Rotarian.... the usual style of an Ashley Kaimowitz award... the other to a Rotarian.

Firstly, PP Don presented an award to Rotarian Ria Gibb who with great understanding of people, her nursing skills and compassion who has been so close to those in the club who have experienced troubled times and grief and those who needed solace. Don mentioned as well how touched he was with Ria's gift of dolls to the Nonceba project for abused

children.

Secondly, a discerning award made by Don who found out a lot more about Bernadette Dutton that we all knew; the extent of the community work she undertakes, most of it unacknowledged by Rotary. A wonderful way for our 2015/6 president to go into the year ahead with Bernadette, as our president's wife, being recognised for the caring and thoughtful person she is.



Also present was Ursula Rainer. Strong lady. Our love.

Our thanks go to Joelle and her team for organising a slick evening with her usual attention to detail, programming, well organised seating and, typical of Joelle, for all the worry and care she puts into anything she does.

Good luck to president Peter's team in the coming year and may they all take the club to new heights in the style of the fellowship and "togetherness" that was felt in what was a memorable induction evening. Secretary remains as Alison Rice and Treasurer as Colin Sutherland in France.

We were sorry to miss Tim Smith and Shona, Butch and Lyn, and Roy Graham and Florina but to all our Rotary swallows – you sure missed out on a good evening.

Patrick McLaughlin

Thank you Patrick

I was pleased to introduce my Board of Directors for this year of service. These people are very special to the Club and to the benefit of our community.

IPP Christine Paterson	PR and membership
Alison Rice	Secretary
Pres Elect Hans Kuhn	Youth
Colin Sutherland	Treasurer
Ria Gibb & Joelle Searle	Club Services
Keith Bull	Vocational/Educational
Athol Rice	Community Services
Don Peters	Foundation

Mike Gie will be attendance officer and Don Peters will advise on Procedures.

Without these people above the club does not function. We would fail the community and our Rotary obligations. Most are remaining in the position they were last year. A year where we forged ahead in Youth, Education and Community services as well as membership. I intend to continue the good works of PP Christine and shall do what I can to come close to her level of energy and commitment.

Colin continues to perform as treasurer with the skill and sure hand that his experience offers. A task that most would shy away from.

Joelle and Ria have quite amazing organisational skills and have kept the club in orderly fashion.

Ali Rice is continuing as secretary. A sometimes time-consuming position for someone who holds down a highly time-consuming job as it is. Her dedication to the club and to detail is much appreciated.

Hans Kuhn has made a huge impact this past year with Christine as President. Hans has opened an Interact and an EarlyAct club with more to follow. A leap forward for this club. As President Elect I look forward to working closely with Hans.

Keith Bull has a level of energy and determination which might be thought of as quite frightening! But because of this we have a thriving Vocational and Educational program running with a full Bursary Student intake.

Athol has recently come on board as head of Community Services. This is going to be a challenging year for Athol, bringing together all of the projects we run and guiding funds where needed as well as seeking funding where possible.

Don is our Club Father. Our only remaining Charter Member and one who knows all of the ins and outs of Rotary District and Rotary International dealings and requirements. We have learned to lean on and rely on Don for institutional advice.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YEAR

I have one abiding wish for the year and that is for ALL members [including Swallows] to be aligned with at least one Avenue of Service. Most of us are already doing something but I would like to get back to the system we had when I first joined which was an obligation to join at least one committee and for that committee to meet once a month before reporting to the board.

Athol is going to need a right hand person I am sure. Just to keep track of all of the projects. Skateboard Park, Little Angels, Rotary Family Health Day etc.

Keith is always needing a back up member here in Hout Bay while he is in the UK and what about Colin? Maybe the treasurer would need someone as liaison with the bank here while he is in France. Some of our hardest workers are swallows. There is no reason why swallows can't be productive from afar. They should be.

The Rotary Message this year is "Be a Gift to the World" which I thought a little grandiose for Hout Bay which needs to be a gift to Hout Bay before considering anything further afield but after visiting Cape of Good Hope for Bev's induction last week I did realise just what this means in Rotary terms. Listening to all of their achievements last year and the projects they were running I realised how successful they were. Then I sat back and counted off the projects and good deeds we at Hout Bay had achieved over the year and it was just as substantial. So, I then thought of the 50 odd other clubs in our District and put together what they are doing. Then look Rotary Worldwide. All of these clubs are making a difference in their own right. Collectively, we are A Gift to the World. Rotary Hout Bay can be proud to be really making a difference not just to Hout Bay but to the concept of Rotary International.

GOODBYE TO INGRID



Ingrid's last meeting with us was at the induction dinner recently. Regrettably, Ingrid has had to leave South African shores although she would have liked to stay.

Not long a member with us but a valuable one nonetheless. An avid tennis player and much involved with the tennis program in Hangberg. We shall miss Ingrid in our fellowship but wish her well where she is, presently on Malta of all places. A place I know well and one of such rich history.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Please bear in mind that our attendance officer is now Mike Gie

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If you are going to be absent from a meeting and are not already down as AOL you must please let Mike know. Otherwise you will be counted as a "silent" which doesn't look good. You will also be required to pay for the meal ordered for you.

Morning

[Last bulletin for 2014-2015 for our club:](#)

[Coolamon Weekly Bulletin #42](#)

Had a great change over dinner last night with 88 in attendance.

Thanks to all who made the night a great success.

Here is the June RAGES Newsletter:

[RAGES June News.](#)

Please share with your club members and anyone whom you feel would be interested in joining RAGES which is free and easy to do:

[RAGES Membership Application.](#)

We have a lot on the to do list and soon there will be some positive action for RAGES.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook Page](#) as well as our web site.

Paula Wiegink's Crying Rhino poster is attracting some wonderful well known people to sign on the Say NO! Campaign.

I look forward to hearing back from you if you are in the UK the band Besuries will be performing a series of gigs prior to the concert on September 5-6th. More details to follow.

Yours in Rotary
John Glassford

Letter to clubs

Dear Presidents and Secretaries

Please note that the 2015 -16 District Directory is in the process of being completed and should be available online on the district website by 10 July . Hard copies will be posted to each club for the Club President, Secretary and Treasurer and any Assistant Governors and District Chairmen who are members in your clubs as they also each receive their own copy.

Yours in Rotary
Geraldine Nicol
District 9350 DGE

THANK YOU FROM LIZ HUCKLE

Dear Peter

Thank you very much for inviting me to your induction dinner.

It was a lovely evening amongst friends with good food and many a laugh.

Just to say that I so very much value and appreciate the excellent relationship that I am privileged to have with all of you at Rotary and

I wish you all the very best for your year in office as president. Congratulations to Bernadette on a well deserved Ashley award, thank you

so very much for all the clothes and toys.

Through you I have been able to put many a smile on a little one's face.

Warm regards
Liz

FIFA – An Off- Side Connection.

The recent exposures about FIFA reminded me that I met Mr Sepp Blatter in better times. It was 2004 in Moscow –where else. Every Sunday I dressed rather smartly and left my nearby modest apartment no 511, and walked down to the very elegant and famous Metropol Hotel to collect a free copy of the UK Financial Times. Looking foreign and carrying the previous FT edition opened the door.

This particular Sunday it seemed that FIFA members were gathering for a meeting and in residence. Arriving at reception I was mistaken for or assumed to be a delegate and introduced to Mr Blatter who looked forward to meeting me again the next day. I failed to turn up.

Colins511@aol.com

Hi - Everyone

This morning I went to Fish Hoek to give a talk about Ashley and the Nonceba Centre to two Senior Citizen Homes, Nerina Gardens and Carlisle Lodge. Had a great time and handed over a large amount of knitting wool sent by Harold Allsop of Luton Chiltern Rotary Club and Harold's super friends. The intention was to give the ladies some wool to knit dolls for Nonceba and other projects. To my great surprise the ladies, having been told of the visit handed over some of their "work" which appears in the photo. These included, shawls, baby blankets, scarves, jumpers, beanies, booties, dolls and teddy bears, absolutely fantastic. I must have got so excited because I left my jacket behind at Carlisle Lodge. I made some wonderful friends, heard some amazing stories enjoyed the tea at Nerina and promised to go back soon.

It was a morning to remember some of Ashley's words; " I have learnt that even though there are horrors facing our world, there is good buried within it, evident in those willing to reach out a hand and a heart to help."

Best wishes

Don



GETTING THE NEWS FROM WATERLOO - Don Peters

With acknowledgement to Lewis Jones of the Telegraph May 12th 2015 and the author Brian Cathcart for his book, 'The News from Waterloo : the race to tell Britain of Wellington's Victory.'

The bicentennial on Sunday 18th June 1815 (2015) of Wellington's triumph as he defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. News reached London, it arrived by carrier pigeon with the message, "Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo."

May we express some concern and a slightly sympathetic approach in respect to this wonderful news because of delicate and attractive partners. We refer to Madame Bernadette Dutton and to our esteemed Treasurer resident in France, possibly both not sharing the same euphoria over the news.

There was also an official despatch from Wellington to Lord Bathurst, the Secretary of War entrusted to Major the Hon. Henry Percy who carried the despatch together with two of Napoleonic eagles bedecked with tricolours. Percy arrived in London on the Wednesday 21st June crossing Westminster Bridge at 11-15pm. Lord Bathurst was dining with the Prince Regent in Grosvenor Square, Major Percy his tunic stained with blood laid the eagles at the regent's feet with the words, "Victory, Sir, victory".

Stagecoaches took the news throughout the Kingdom, to almost universal joy.

And now you know.

A French Spectacle - Colin Sutherland

Last week I visited our local optician here in Burgundy for a minor repair on my glasses. Although modest the shop displayed a sparkling selection of over two hundred eye-ware options (used to be known as frames) for men. More were available in brochures and on the internet I was told, having expressed some wonder at the availability of it all.

The lenses, that which we see through and why we need to wear the things, was it seemed a secondary matter. Selecting a brand or shape to portray yourself to the world was now the issue.

Hout Bay Rotarians know I have a nostalgia for the old USSR despite its many drawbacks and failings. As I stood there amongst all this expensive trivia, I was reminded that in Novosibirsk and in remoter places, excellent lenses were provided, supported by a limited, but adequate range of frames, at no or very humble prices. Seeing mattered, being seen less so.

It was thus a quiet pleasure for me to learn from my optician that in its wisdom the French social security system refund the cost of the lenses, and only for the very basic model of frame. Quote

"My customers would not be seen dead wearing such a model".

I left, repair done, but with the vision that undertakers might soon provide eye-ware as a final service. We live in such times.