

**BAY BREEZES - 6 MARCH 2012**

## The Praise Singer's Gazette

I was not sure where to start this missive for a while and then I realised that there are two words worth writing about and they are – Rotary International. Its been a week and a bit of Rotary at a different level as somehow I got involved with the Rotary International visiting Vice President Noel Bajat. He was here in District 9350 looking at membership and more specifically at new Rotary Clubs in Mitchels Plain and Khayelitsha where combined the population is over two million, but, not one Rotary Club. So here we had the ingredients of both Rotary and of International and our contribution was to offer the Nonceba Centre as a venue for the VP to meet with some Khayelitsha residents who a few years ago had attempted to start a Rotary Club. Reversing the two words we have International first and that was the R I Vice President, Rotary was to be represented by the Nonceba Centre and the Ashley story which we thought should get a showing as it told such a clear story about the involvement of so many of the disciplines of Rotary. Ashley's inspirational story was the starting point of conversations and discussions between the Vice President, the District Governor and PDG's present together with the group of Khayelitsha residents who were and are so keen to get Rotary moving in their area. It was without doubt Rotary International.



How often do you get a RI Vice President, a District Governor and a PDG to join the choir and sing to you



Great project selling the Dolls of Nonceba to Rotary Internaitonal's Vice President

Vice President Noel had earlier driven through Hout Bay and expressed great pleasure at the Rotary signage on entering the "Republic" and more so as he passed the OMH Coolamon House Clinic, the local Rotary officials travelling with the VP were able to tell the story of the success of the Rotary Club of Hout Bay's projects to assist in the fight against Aids. It was a pleasure to be able to speak with the Vice President about OMH and he asked that his congratulations were passed to the projects leader and team.

**PRAISE SINGER CONTINUED...**

On Monday I accompanied the visiting Canadians, Hilary and Robin Butler around the Nonceba Centre as part of our "identification programme" for a possible twinning of their Club in Canada and ours. In that respect I have done a little ground work and been in contact with John Glassford at Coolamon Rotary Club, our current twin and this was his email reply :

*G ' day Eva*

*Great to meet you via this media and Don Peters of Hout Bay Rotary.*

*I have a good friend from near you Chip Ross:*

*Chip Ross, Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club, Courtenay, BC, Canada*

*Chip and Karen stayed here in Ganmain with us not so long ago now. We are on the ROTI fellowship together Rotarians On The Internet. You may even know Chip. Chip can vouch for our club as he has been to one of our meetings and survived.*

*Regarding becoming a twin club with Hout Bay, it is a small world and even though Hout Bay is a long way from us we feel we are brothers and sisters in service.*

*All I can say is that the relationship between our two clubs is strong and fruitful because we both work at it. One of the best things that our little club has done was to form this relationship in 2005, the Centennial year of Rotary. Our friendship is simply precious and hopefully we will remain good mates for years to come.*

*The work that Hout Bay Rotarians do is simply breathtaking and all we can do is to raise funds and awareness for their projects. They are at the coal face and have to do the hard yards.*

*It will be great if our three clubs could do a joint venture one day doing something out of the ordinary in Africa? We could even become triplets!*

*Anyhow enjoy the relationship with Hout Bay you will never regret it.*

*All the best.*

*Yours in Rotary  
John Glassford*

I particularly wanted to share John's email with you as it speaks for itself. Hout Bay Rotary is more than fortunate to be twinned with Coolamon and have John as a great friend.

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ROTARY has to be a little like our seasons, there is a quiet, even dormant period – WINTER where we have consolidation and of course inductions of new leaders.

SPRING follows as our leadership blossom and new growth points flourish

We are well into assisting our fellow man and women as SUMMER arrives.

Its AUTUMN that really excites Rotarians not just because of the fruits of the tree, scrub and our beloved vine, but the fruits of our endeavours to help. It's a highlight period for Club fund raising efforts and guess what – for all the Hout Bay Rotarians its ARGUS time. Its our autumn "showing" to the community of Hout Bay that ROTARY CARES.  
~ Pres Don

**Programme**

March 6 Argus briefing and John Camplin on his book

March 13 Board meeting at 5pm.  
Club Assembly  
Argus debrief

March 20 Kelly Kaimowitz – Loss of a sibling

**MEALS AND ATTENDANCE**

**Please would all members advise Attendance Officer Mick Feuillerade prior to the Tuesday meeting if you will not be attending or not dining or bringing your partner or guests by 5:15pm on Monday at the very latest, Mick's details are:- email: [anmick@webafrica.org.za](mailto:anmick@webafrica.org.za) - Cell: 082 550 1654**

**March Birthdays**

Christopher Adams	3
John Camplin	3
Tim Smith	8
Ralph Tobergte	15
Terry Eldrid	23
Butch Liebenberg	29

**March Anniversaries**

Tobergte	15
Walkers	25
Peters	27

**Chuckle**

A man called home to his wife and said, "Honey I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss & several of his Friends.

We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that Promotion I've been wanting, so could you please pack enough Clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box, we're Leaving From the office & I will swing by the house to pick my things up" ...."Oh! Please pack my new blue silk pajamas." The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy but being the good wife she is, did exactly what her husband asked.

The following Weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomed him home and asked if he caught many fish? He said, "Yes! Lots of Salmon, some Bluegill, and a few Swordfish. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to Do?"

The wife replied, "I did. They're in your fishing box....."

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A guy stuck his head into a barber shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop full of Customers and said, "About 2 hours." The guy left.

A few days later the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around at the shop and said, "About 3 hours." The guy left.

A week later the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop and said, "About an hour only." The guy left.

The barber turned to a friend and said, "Hey, Bill, do me a favour, Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he doesn't ever come back". A little while later, Bill returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asked, "So where does that guy go when he leaves?" Bill looked up, tears in his eyes and said, "To your wife"

**PRAISE SINGER CONTINUED...**

But onto some important matters, the Cycle Tour on March 11th, how fortunate that our Club is able to be supported by friends of Rotary members but we still have not reached our complete target. The Marshal instructions are being circulated by email and we will go through them at the briefing on the 6th March. Please start talking to your neighbours, people in the queue at the Supermarket and elsewhere in Hout Bay about the race day. Explain the funding we receive and how it is used to support projects in Hout Bay for differing communities in need.

Race Day is such a wonderful day to share Rotary ideals with just anyone standing near you, let us be proud of our Club and our organisation Rotary International and tell people all the positive things we do and care about. Start the conversation, smile and enjoy what you are saying and combine that with encouraging the riders, supporting others becomes infectious. Don't forget the most important people on race are the MARSHALS.

Last night's meeting was another success for our Club, for furthering the educational requirements of our diverse communities. Leading the "charge" Fedde once again brought with him to the meeting a wonderful group, Carine from Teachers for Africa, Kevin from Volunteers Direct, Headmaster Juan Julius of HBHS, the "local swallows the Millers", the Totnes RC rep Alison and our newest bursary student Cynthia.



Cynthia spoke to us about the excitement of starting at the University of the Western Cape of her successes so far in the academic field, meeting so many different people from other cultures and nationalities. Cynthia has an appealing and generous spirit when she talks about her wonderful supporters that include, Rotary Hout Bay, Fedde, Alison and Keith, the Millers' and her Alma Mater.

What a real pleasure it was to hear Carine, Kevin, Stewart and Alison speak about their individual enthusiasm, challenges and successes in building amazing contacts with young people and mentoring these youngsters to become future leaders. Their generosity is such a wonderful way of building a new society in our country. The great part about thanking someone is that you have the knowledge that if you are thanking it because that person cares.

Our Rotary International President said in his inaugural address :

*"All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world, for why else would we be Rotarians ? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier and more peaceful. We believe that the future can and will be better than the past. We are idealists, and we bring our ideals to life through Rotary Service."*

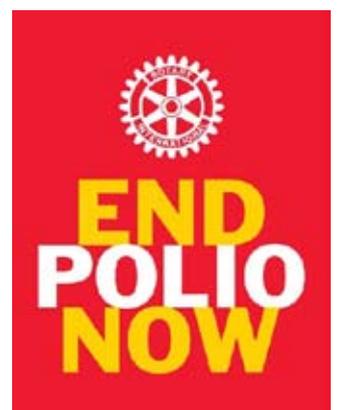
President Don show a brief End Polio ad campaign issued by RI, which had us all debating the numbers raised. Please find the latest information from Rotary International on the fight against Polio.

Since 1988, Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) — the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — have worked to wipe polio from the face of the earth. A volunteer service organization of 1.2 million men and women, Rotary began immunizing children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the GPEI three years later.

Rotary's main responsibilities are fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$900 million to the polio eradication effort.

With over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary is able to reach out to national governments worldwide to generate crucial financial and technical support for polio eradication. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have helped raise more than \$8 billion from donor governments.

Rotary clubs also provide "sweat equity" on the ground in polio-affected communities, which helps ensure that leaders at all levels remain focused on the eradication goal. Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach more than two billion children in 122 countries with the oral polio vaccine.



**Bowl and Braai Morning - 18 March 2012**

At Constantia Bowling Club – Main Rd Constantia.  
Start 9.30 - finish approx Noon - Tea break at half time.  
Braai when bowls completed or when shattered etc.

Casual gear – BUT flat shoes please. Trainers perfect.  
A hat is a must, also that sun cream. Wind cheater depending on weather.

Bring your selection of Braai stuff Meats – buns – relish etc etc.  
Don't forget eating irons.  
Charge - about R35 each. Bar at club prices – including Wine.

How about making it – Boers V Brits or similar ??  
Bowls supplied – but if you have a set please bring them along.  
We will then pick the teams before hand as we did last year, thus saving time.



Regards  
PP Bill Kilbride

**2012 CONFERENCE**

19 - 22 April - Mossel Bay - for further details and accommodation options - please see [www.rotarymosselbay.org.za/conference2012](http://www.rotarymosselbay.org.za/conference2012) - Speakers include: Tim Butcher (author & journalist), Mike Said (brand and marketing consultant), Jill Farrant (professor of molecular biology at UCT), Ryan Johnson (great white shark expert & researcher) and a NSRI demonstration

Fee of R150 for conference includes : tea/coffee on arrival with pastries and sandwiches; tea/ coffee at 10h30 with sweet and savoury eats; lunch is a sit down one with salads, breads, a warm meal with dessert; 2 bottles of water...



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*dream, achieve, inspire*

**GUESS THE ROTARIAN**

As a bit of fun I have asked the members to send me pictures of themselves when they will still young and innocent. Thanks to those who have sent me stories and pictures of their childhood - Last weeks story for those of you who guessed - was yes none other than our intrepid adventurer from down under PP John Glassford. This week's one is a bit harder and I have decided to not give any clues on this as there is a prize for the first rotarian to email me the correct answer to who the beautiful child on the right is. Those who have pictures that they still would like to submit - please keep them coming



- Scribe

Who is this nurd? - A story out of the Diary of PP Patrick McLaughlin

This is a 30 second commercial on early Rhodesian Television circa 1963 when transmission was black and white. There was no video in those days, so you were paid to go up to the studios, sit and wait and do your 30 second presentation live.

“Lustro” was a local opposition brand to “Vim” made by Rhodesian Industries, and which never really made, probably because of the presenter.

I once had to do an ad for 5kg Buttercup margarine bars, which, as we went live melted under the studio lights and all I could show the viewer on camera was sticky paper, which I held up and then collapsed. It was easy to make a mistake. As you fired the button on a tin of Doom Flydi Spray (to show how easy it was to kill flies) inevitably the spray was pointing at your face.

Viewers used to watch the ads primarily waiting for the entertainment when things went wrong. But it all helped me as an insurance guy.

Also in early television, you went up to the studios in the evenings when you were hired to do fifteen minute programmes called “ad-mags”, a mixture of live 30 second presentations with two presenters alternating the ads and with the odd 35mm film ads interspersed from the big guys like coca Cola and Shell. It was hair raising stuff. No rehearsals.

Television was still banned in South Africa in those days. I found straight news broadcasting subsequently much easier, which I also did part time. Usually there were two presenters and you alternated stories whilst the other presenter sat there and look interested. All “live” again, no video, just the occasional 35mm from overseas. The station also broadcast such series as Dallas, Naked City, Big Country, Two Ronnies, Lucille Ball and Flintstones. Remember them? Circa 1970