

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes

31st March 2013



Happy Easter everyone!!

It's difficult to know where to start with the round-up of the news. We certainly have had such a busy week since last Saturday's edition. Bill Kilbride's Bowls Day last Sunday, The inaugural golf day in honour of Mick Feuilherade and then finally the marshalling of the Two Oceans marathon. And of course the not-to-be-missed Chillie evening hosted by our own Butch Liebenberg last Tuesday. All of this happening right on top of Easter.

The Bowls Day is now a firm annual fixture for us and one which I know I look forward to each year. It is not a fund raising event but one where we can relax in each other's company, enjoy a little competition and then gather round a braai. I was happy to see that several guests were invited to join us. This is important. It is an ideal opportunity to let others see Rotary and Rotary Hout Bay at fellowship best. Wives and partners get together and we all reaffirm friendships.



Turning now to Mick's golf day. This was a great success. One that didn't happen by accident but through weeks and weeks of preparation, attention to detail and execution on a level that General Schwartzkoff would have been proud. The golf committee carried out an amazing job and our collective hats go off to them. David Heath did his usual great job as master of ceremonies keeping all entertained while conducting the business of prize giving and raffle winnings at the same time.

Then of course, there was the Two Oceans where once again we pulled together under the leadership of Terry Eldrid to marshal the event and to witness his organisational skills. As is now something of a tradition, Terry and Terri invited all back to their place for drinks and food. A most generous gesture and a heck of a spread of food.



Bowls day photos:

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Mick Feuilherade memorial golf day:

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Four ball teams:

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Two Oceans:

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Speaker this Tuesday

This Tuesday we have Susan Horst speaking to us. She CEO of the Students For a Better Africa programme (see www.studentsforabetterafrica.co.za) which organisation supports over 200 children with bursaries in the education phase up to matriculation. This organisation is part of the Andreas and Susan Struengmann Foundation. Clearly, her work is closely allied to the efforts of Fedde, Hans and Raymond in respect of our own bursary scheme. I urge all members who are able to, to attend this meeting.

Two Oceans anecdotes

So many of us seemed to have stories to tell after the marshalling of the Two Oceans. I saw the very best and the very worst sides of human nature over those short hours standing at Payne Street and it made me wonder just what makes humans show their true colours.

I did ask a few people at Terry's party to write in to me with their stories. I have two or three already and would like to publish a compendium next week. It should make for interesting reading.

So please write in.

Member comments and contributions:

from Don Peters

It was a total pleasure to help, it was great to see and be part of the day and to chat, see and observe our "mates". Anne F and her family were most appreciative and I am sure the rewards earned will be substantial and well deserved. Terry, Butch, David, Keith and their team were admired for the excellent organisation.

also from Don:

GREENIES REWARDED

Hout Bay Recycling is one of two local recycling initiatives to receive a R50 000 cash injection and an Isuzu bakkie from BRANDHOUSE, a beverage alcohol company. The organisation, a cooperative with six employees from Imizamu Yethu, collects 6.4 tons of glass a month. Hout Bay Recycling owner Nokwanda Sotyantya received the R50 000 from the Brandhouse corporate relations manager Michael Mabasa.

Interesting..... PP Alan Coleman (1993-94) started a recycling project in Hout Bay and our Rotary Club shared the "spoils" with local helpers. Continuity and involvement are words so important in respect of Rotary projects.

from Natalie Mercer:

A toothpaste manufacturing factory had a problem. They sometimes shipped out empty boxes without the tube inside. This challenged their perceived quality with their buyers and distributors.

Understanding how important the relationship with them was, the CEO of the company assembled his top people.

They decided to hire an External engineering company to solve their EMPTY boxes problem. The project followed the usual process: budget and project sponsor allocated, RFP, and third-parties selected. Six months (and \$8 million) later they had a fantastic solution - on time, on budget, allowing high quality. Everyone related to the project was pleased.

They solved the problem by using a high-tech precision scale that would sound a bell and flash lights whenever a toothpaste box weighed less than it should ! The line would stop; someone would walk over; remove the defective box; and then press another button to re-start the line. As a result of the new package monitoring process, no empty boxes were being shipped out of the factory.

With no more customer complaints, the CEO felt the \$8 million was well spent. He then reviewed the line statistics report and discovered the number of empty boxes picked up by the scale in the first week was consistent with projections. However, in the next three weeks, there were zero empty boxes! The estimated rate should have been at least a dozen boxes a day. He had the engineers check the equipment, they verified the report as accurate.

Puzzled, the CEO traveled down to the factory; viewed the part of the line where the precision scale was installed; and observed that just ahead of the new \$8 million dollar solution.... sat a \$20 desk fan blowing the empty boxes off the belt and into a bin. He asked the line supervisor what that was about.

"Oh, that," the supervisor replied, "Bert, the kid from maintenance, put it there because he was tired of having to get up, and walking over every time the bell rang."

Bursary scheme

Shortly before Chris Schuchard left to return home to the Netherlands he mentioned to me while plodding around Mowbray Golf Course, that he had had a meeting or two with fellow countryman Foppe De Haan, previous Head Coach of Ajax Cape Town.

Foppe has agreed to help with our bursary program on an ongoing basis and we must give him both him and Chris huge thanks.

Below is an article from Chris setting out Foppe's background and opposite is a copy email from Fedde to Foppe setting out the bursary award arrangements made possible through his donations.

International soccer coach Foppe de Haan sponsors Hout Bay rotary - by Chris Schuchard

Foppe de Haan started his working career as gym teacher at high school level in Friesland the Netherlands. It's his passion to teach and guide young people and this together with the love for the soccer game ultimately brought him in to the soccer world.

He started his soccer coaching career at amateur level in Friesland, from which he moved to the soccer club Heerenveen, a club in the Dutch premier division. From club Heerenveen he moved on to national level and coached the under 21 Dutch soccer team and reached ultimately the world championships and became world champion.

After his retirement he stayed in touch with the soccer world which landed him on African shores, where he became head coach of Ajax Cape Town. In his two years he brought the club back to championships level. When leaving Cape Town he moved to the more exotic Talofa which belongs to the country Tuvalu, a small group of Islands close to the Fiji Islands. After a short spell of soccer coaching on these bounty islands he returned to the Netherlands to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. (again).

Foppe de Haan over the years has become famous for his coaching and peoples skills. He now frequently travels the world to give lectures and support various groups in the sporting world. His travelling has also highlighted the need to support the less privilege, and by setting up his own foundation he is now supporting this group of youngsters in various parts of the world. Through his earlier contacts in Cape Town he identified Hout Bay High as a possible candidate for his foundation by setting up a bursary scheme. When we came to know of this, Rotary Hout Bay did approach Foppe de Haan if forces could not be bundled together with Hout Bay Rotary looking after the whole operation.

We can report that talks in the meantime have been successful and the first steps to a joint approach already been set.

From Fedde Renkema to Foppe de Haan

Dear Foppe,

We were very pleased with the meeting arranged by Chris Schuchard between you and me about co-operation regarding bursaries. Your letter covers the following:

1. It is our objective to include Aphenhule Sixifhe in the bursary scheme of our Hout Bay Rotary Club. He is an outstanding student in Grade 11 of Hout Bay High School. He was selected by you, is highly recommended by the Headmaster, and fits well with the criteria of our scheme. Foppe and Geke de Haan are his sponsors, contributing to a maximum of 3,000 Euro annually and making payments to Rotary when needed. The Rotary makes the usual bursary arrangements and provides mentorship and guidance.

2. F&G de Haan will contact a Rotary Club in Leeuwarden, and ask them to approach us regarding the bursary scheme.

3. They further will transfer the coming month 1,000 Euro to Rotary Hout Bay to cover shortages. Possibly we need this for the bursary of Nkosinathi, depending on other sponsors, and otherwise a new applicant could benefit from this donation.
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4. While in Grade 11 and Grade 12 of a no-fees school, the bursary for Aphenhule can be low. Main expenses are for school transport (about 150 Euro), clothes (100 - 200 Euro), school books and materials (50 - 100 Euro), extra mural activities (100 Euro). I would propose to the sponsors providing for a bursary of 500 Euro for 2013.

We are looking forward to a fruitful co-operation.

Best regards from Hout Bay Rotary Club,

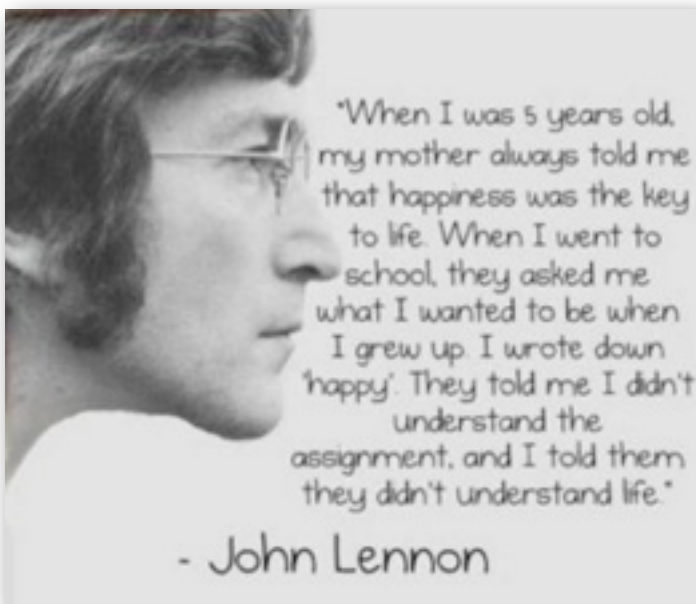
Fedde Renkema
Director Educational and Vocational Service

DG Mike Osche's monthly newsletter

Please note, open and have a read of DG Mike Osche's monthly Indaba newsletter which is an attachment to my email with this month's BB. Amid the news of other clubs he also draws our attention to the District Conference which is being held at Ratanga Junction between 17th and 19th May. I shall take a spot tomorrow to remind you all that it is important that we are well represented at Conference and that we take the opportunity to meet and share with other members in the district.

News from Patrick

Patrick was safely returned from hospital following his recent operation on his leg. He will be sore for a while I am sure and will have to rest a bit. Patrick called me on Sunday though and tells me that he is keen to be back with us. Patrick will need some help with transport for a short while so would we all bear that in mind and make sure that we keep in touch with him. I am afraid that we can't trust Patrick to pick up the phone and ask for help.



Cape of Good Hope Golf Day

I did mention this before but as a reminder, Derek Johnson of Cape of Good Hope Rotary Club has asked if we would support their annual golf day on 25th April at Westlake Golf Club. It is in support of Childrens' Educational programs.

Not only are Cape of Good Hope our neighbours and friends but this is a good cause which we should support. Derek entered our golf day for Mick Feuillerade and it would be a fine gesture if we could get a four ball together. I shall pass round the entry form at tomorrow's meeting. It is Rand 2000 for a four ball.

Quiz

Last week I posted a translation quiz from Latin to English of the following well known phrase:

Fortunatus sum! Pila mea de gramine horrido modo in pratum lene recta volvit!

the bottle of beer prize was won by Keith Bull with the correct translation:

What luck! My ball rolled out of the rough and onto the fairway

Here's this week's Latin phrase:

Di! Ecce hora! Uxor mea me necabit!

