



## ***BAY BREEZES - 10 JANUARY 2012***

### **The Praise Singer's Gazette**

Watching the cricket reminded me of the importance of being in a team. Each individual, and we all are individuals, play a part. In cricket you have batsmen, bowlers and fielders together with a Captain, Vice Captain, Coach etc; in Rotary its a little simpler, yes we have a team and a Board with a President. Where we fundamentally differ is that in cricket most of the roles played are those played by individuals whereas in Rotary we really are a team, Yes of course we have "averages" and frequently we get moved up the "batting" order and have a magnificent "innings" but its the team that is the winner always.

We were very fortunate to have a team visit us from Australia and what amazing averages they all had, some were great batsmen and achieved great "heights" ( apology to the climbers) others magnificent fielders (further apology to those unsuccessful climbers) with one handicapped but able to achieve a memorable innings (thanks Mary). Our visiting Australians were actually more than amazing when you consider the very substantial personal sacrifices made by each of them to travel to Africa. This was a team of greats, it was a team of Rotarians who were just perfect team members and the amazing part of this whole story is that unlike cricket, where a team playing against a fantastic Australian bunch as we had would lose, Hout Bay Rotary WON.

Welcome back everyone, hope you had a great break and all good wishes for 2012.

I was not absent from Hout Bay completely as our boys gave Marilyn and I a great present, a helicopter trip around the peninsula and on Boxing Day we viewed you all from a great height. What a super present it was and we both would recommend anyone to do it.

One of the real benefits of Christmas includes being able to sit in a comfortable arm chair and catch up on a little reading before snatching forty winks after a splendid meal. The Daily Telegraph, an acceptable newspaper passed my way and I noticed a story about pampas grass. May I at this juncture suggest that you do not identify yourselves if you should have such vegetation in your respective gardens. The article written by Murray Wardrop was titled. "Pampas grasses stir swingers". Planting the decorative species at the front of your house is regarded by some as a code sign that the occupants engage in wife-swapping. One lady remarked, " Who knew that pampas grass plants are a signal to fellow swingers. And she added later... anyone want a pampas grass plant for Christmas? "

Our programme for 2012 starts with our bursary students on the 19th, Allan Walker and his super book on the 17th and Richard (not Francis) Lundie on the 24th with the story about the Living Hope Centre and particularly the tomato growing schemes.

Lots of really important Rotary information will be following shortly, one early note is for the Mini-Conference at Somerset West on 28th Jan, please think about going, its just for the day and believe it or not we have a number of members who have never been to a District Conference as such – try it, you will not regret it.

*Don Peters,*

## Rotary in Action, Events or News

DISTRICT 9350: MINI-CONFERENCE  
28 JANUARY 2012, LORD CHARLES HOTEL,  
SOMERSET WEST  
THEME: THE CHALLENGES OF CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

### AGENDA

08.30-09.00	REGISTRATION (TEA/COFFEE AND SNACKS)
09.00-09.30	OPENING (MC PP DAVID HOLTZHAUSEN) WELCOME (DG DEON VAN ZYL) PRESIDENT KALYAN'S THEMES: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE – A PARADOX? (AG TONY DAVIDSON) THE PERFECT PLANNING PROCESS (AG ROY ZAZERAJ)
09.30-10.00	MEMBERSHIP AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE (PDG JUNE WEBBER) A DISTRICT STRATEGY (PDG SHÂN BIESMAN-SIMONS)
10.00-10.30	THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PRACTICAL GUIDELINES ON CURRENT GRANTS (PDG PETER HUGO) THE FOUNDATION'S CHANGING ROLE AND FUNCTION (PDG ALEX VAN DER SLUYS) FUTURE VISION IN THE CONTEXT OF CHANGE (PDG JOHN GOMES)
10.30-11.00	MID-MORNING BREAK (TEA/COFFEE AND SNACKS)
11.00-11.30	NEW GENERATIONS THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSFORMATION (AG GERALDINE NICOL) THE NEW FACE OF ROTARY (AG MIKA LUTCHMAN) A NEW APPROACH TO ROTARY (ROTARACTOR LAURA HEATHFIELD)
11.30-12.00	PUBLIC RELATIONS THE ROTARY IMAGE IN AFRICA AND BEYOND (PIC JANEY BALL) SELLING THE ROTARY BRAND (RTN KARIN DUNCKER)
12.00-12.30	ROTARY TRAINING CONTINUED TRAINING FOR ROTARIANS (PDG ELWIN THOMPSON) TRAINING IN A CHANGING WORLD (PP DAVID HOLTZHAUSEN)
12.30-12.45	THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ROTARY CONVENTION THE MOSSEL BAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE (AG MIKA LUTCHMAN) THE BANGKOK ROTARY CONVENTION (PDG JUNE WEBBER)
12.45-13.45	LUNCH



**JAMES HOUSE 25TH BIRTHDAY - FUN DAY -**  
17th March 11am - 4pm  
A fun day for all with live music, dancing, food and entertainment.

### January Birthdays

Athol Rice	1
Fedde Renkema	13



### January Anniversaries

Morris'	11
Kuhns	14
Smiths	28

### Auld Lang Syne



Just in case some of you dont  
know the words - here they  
are

Should auld acquaintance be  
forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be  
forgot,  
And auld lang syne.

#### CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup of kindness  
yet,  
For auld lang syne!

And surely ye'll be your pint-  
stowp,  
And surely I'll be mine,  
And we'll tak a cup o kindness  
yet,  
For auld lang syne!

We twa hae run about the  
braes,  
And pou'd the gowans fine,  
But we've wander'd monie a  
weary fit,  
Sin auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl'd in the  
burn,  
Frae morning sun till dine,  
But seas between us braid hae  
roar'd  
Sin auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty  
fere,  
And gie's a hand o thine,  
And we'll tak a right guid-  
willie waught,  
For auld lang syne.

## Programme

Jan 3	No meeting
Jan 10	Student bursary – Fedde Renkema
Jan 17	Allan Walker - Perforating the Pillars of Palaeontology
Jan 24	Francis Lundie – Living Hope – Tomato growing etc
Jan 31	TBC

7 Feb	Muriel and Freda – The District Office
14 Feb	TBC
21 Feb	TBC
26 Feb	Club Birthday
28 Feb	TBC

### 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: [annmick@webafrica.org.za](mailto:annmick@webafrica.org.za) - Cell: 082 550 1654



**JAMES HOUSE AND THE WORLD OF BIRDS - Keith Bull**



The best day of my life! .....says one of the lucky children from the James House Isibindi programme, who visited The World of Birds recently!

At the kind invitation of Walter Mangold, proprietor of the World of Birds, Rotary Hout Bay organised, through James House, for 20 children who have never been exposed to the wonders of the bird sanctuary, to make a visit accompanied by several helpers.

The children were both interested and mesmerised by the variety of birds and animals cared for at the sanctuary. Most of the children had never been taken outside their normal environment of Imizamo Zethu let alone shown such a magnificent array of beautiful examples of nature at it's best.

Rotarian Keith Bull, said ' Whilst there was a lot of effort by the helpers it paled into insignificance when we saw the faces of the children and the comment....the best day of my life! We are so grateful for Walter Mangold's generosity.'

**HOUT BAY ROTARIANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN STYLE**

