

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay



## Bay Breezes

20th OCT 2012



### Hout Bay twin Tragedies

We are reminded of the dedication of our emergency services on two separate tragic circumstances this past week.

On Friday 12th October officer Phindiwe Nikani, age 26 and her colleague Mandisi Nduku were shot as they sat in their patrol car in Imizamu Yethu informal settlement.

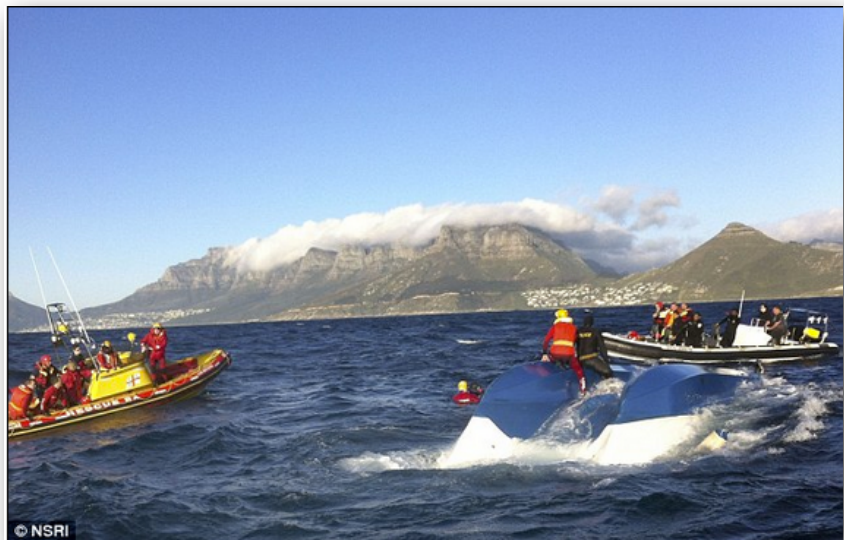
Phindiwe died at the scene and Mandisi survived only to have his life-support turned off later in hospital. The identity of the perpetrator was known and with swift police-work an arrest was made in Kuils River on Sunday.

Hout Bay again made headline news across the world for a second tragedy which struck on Saturday afternoon, 13th October when the tourist craft The Maroshka capsized and sank off Duiker Island with the loss of two lives. One a British tourist and the other a local crew member, John Roberts who was well-known and highly respected in the community.

The consummate professionalism of the NSRI and indeed all of the rescue services has to be recognised. Without their dedication the loss of life would have been far greater.

Rotary Hout Bay were quick to respond, in the shape of Patrick McLaughlin and David Walker. Blankets and other assistance were offered at the time to the Operations Command.

I was saddened to read in the online London Daily Telegraph that the rescue effort was a “shambles”. Nothing could be further from the truth and that newspaper should be ashamed of itself. If you would just read Patrick’s “on location” account below the photographs you will see how wrong the journalist was.



**Subject:** Bay Breezes  
**Date:** Sunday, 14 October 2012 13:31  
**From:** Patrick McLaughlin <patrick@yebo.co.za>  
**To:** Peter Dutton <pdutton@cfe.co.za>  
**Conversation:** Bay Breezes

Dear Peter

Just for the record, I was contacted like many by our good David Walker who is a close friend of Julie Banham, Chair of Hout Bay Neighbourhood Watch, and receiver of our recent Merit Award.

David's call was for any blankets from Rotarians for those being fished out of the freezing water. Being Saturday, I couldn't get any from Coolamon House. It was well done to David for the early response.

I got to the JOC control room at about 4.30pm in about twenty minutes with two metallic trauma blankets of my own but by this time all was in hand and those saved either were either drying out and getting trauma counselling and those injured already with sent by ambulance to Retreat or Christiaan Barnard government hospitals. No help was required from us and there was nothing Rotary could do, the JOC commander said, with thanks.

Why I write is to let you know of the amazing and professional response of NSRI, the Cape Town Disaster Management Team, the JOC team quickly assembled in the NSRI control room, Metro Police and SAPS, plus Hout Bay Neighbourhood Watch assisting through an informed HBNW Watchcon control room with road blocks, road management and access to for emergency vehicles in a difficult location flooded with visitors, the curious public and the existing harbour infrastructure. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) teams with their ambulances from South Peninsula areas were all there.

Compared to the Greek fiasco, we can be proud of what was done by those responding. I saw names up on whiteboards of those rescued and those with concern being dealt with professionally and quickly.

It was efficient, professional and wonderfully caring and fine example of greater Cape Town and Hout Bay at their best. Also the vessels Nauticat and Extravagant did a wonderful job of rescue, which crews happened to be in the incident area at the time.

This is a marvellous opportunity for HBNW members, like David and myself, to ask all Rotarians to join Neighbourhood Watch in their sectors and assist this service for us all.

regards in Rotary

*Patrick McLaughlin*

Rotary Club of Hout Bay  
Hout Bay, Cape Town

## RAID ON CLAREMONT THIS TUESDAY

Would everyone make a special effort to attend the Claremont Club "Raid" this coming Tuesday. A good showing would be appreciated by Claremont and President Peter. Partners are welcome but numbers must be advised to Alison Rice by Monday morning please.

Claremont Club meets at Kelvin Grove at 6.15pm for 6.45pm start. The meal cost is R60.

Their speaker's subject is "How the social media can assist Rotary" which is a subject most of us need to know more about. I think most of us are just getting used to Skype and Facebook but there is evidently quite a bit more we, as a Club should be looking at.

## SENTINEL SCHOOL & HANGBERG

Sentinel School has been graced with a new but temporary head in the shape of Amanda Engelbrecht who is past Rotarian and indeed a Paul Harris recipient.

Amanda has been personally chosen by Helen Zille to head up the school and get it in shape with one year to do so.

Patrick and I have visited Amanda at Sentinel as reported last week and I returned later to ask Amanda if she would come and speak to us. She has agreed and will be visiting us on Tuesday 30th October.

We seem to have shied away from helping Sentinel over recent years but she mentioned to me that we must not look at the larger picture of crime and drug abuse in Hangberg but see where we can help on a micro level. Just a very little can help a lot.

## Help for Palesa

Ten members of HB Rotary Club plus our DG who visited us a few weeks ago donated a total of R2500 toward the education fees of a young blind girl named Palesa. She will be studying at the Worcester School for the blind. The initiative was driven by Mick through a friend, Ian Lints who has formulated an idea for people in all walks of life to offer up free time to paying members of their classes e.g could be Pottery classes and thereby donating a set sum from revenue received to a just cause such as the one stated above. Ian offered canoe rides to paying participants and directed the income to Dannie Kagans –Rainbow Dream Trust (RDT) for Palesa's fees. Dannie is herself a Rotarian at the Constantia Club. We were to offer our bursary students the free rides from our members donations but Ian had already over-sold the 50 rides xR200 he had set as a goal by the time we reacted, such was the support for his cause.

However the kindness of our donors was such that all agreed none the less to hand the money to Ian to help him and RDT to achieve their R20000 target being the Cost for one years education.

## WELCOME BACK TO TERI AND TERRY

I believe that our Teri and Terry are back. My diary tells me that, customs and immigration permitting, they entered our borders last Wednesday. I haven't met up with them yet but since we are no longer members at the same golf club that may not be surprising.

See you this Tuesday - *Peter*

## Raymond Yosimboom

A special welcome to Raymond who was introduced to us by Patrick and who has expressed an interest in joining us as a Rotarian member. I would ask you all to make him feel at home and answer any questions he may have about Rotary and our Club

## PJP II - HIS EMINENCE, THE POPE

A little known footnote to history is that Pope John Paul II [PJP2 to his friends] liked racing driving. But as Pope he had few chances to indulge in his favourite sport.

On one trip to Ireland though he was met at Kerry airport by an ageing chauffeur and a huge black limousine with black windows.

They had got five minutes out of the airport when PJP2 pressed the button and slid the dividing window down to speak to his driver.

"would you mind if I drove for a while?"

"why of course not." Replied the startled driver

they swapped places and PJP2 sped off like a bat out of hell, taking corners on two wheels as they charged around the country lanes.

Sooner or later they screamed past a Garda patrol car sitting at the side of the road.

A short chase ensued before PJP2 pulled over.

The constable came over to the limousine and looking at the driver, asked for his licence.

PJP2 reached into his cassock and came out with his driving licence. The copper looked at it and looked back at PJP2

"would you mind waiting here Sarg while I call in to my sergeant?"

"not at all officer"

Constable Murphy was on the radio to his sergeant:

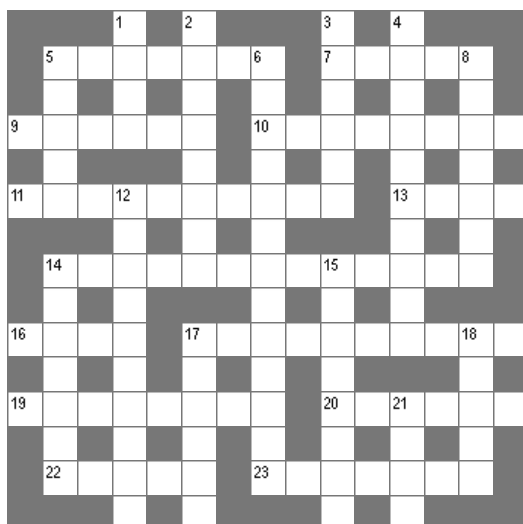
"Sarg' I think I have a problem"

"what's that Murphy?"

"well. I think I've stopped someone really really important"

"well, who is it?"

"I don't know Sarg'. But his driver's the Pope"

**Across**

- 5** Time to get a round in concert -- find the bar (7)  
**7** The fellow protected by idiot remains (5)  
**9** One embraced by enthusiast at church -- he may go there to get wed (6)  
**10** Obstructive, with a yen to be different (2,3,3)  
**11** Warning politician, I'd moan terribly at the start (10)  
**13** I proceed to grab a villain (4)  
**14** One club redesigned with format not conducive to relaxation (13)  
**16** Confront female expert (4)  
**17** New car with Cellnet that can deal with phone messages (4,6)  
**19** Canons in cold form of worship look retrogressive (8)  
**20** Like many a favourite relation, strange at first (4-2)  
**22** Male on water? Yes, yes! (5)  
**23** Cunning vision that accommodates the French (7)

**Down**

- 1** Second joke presented by someone using words craftily? (4)  
**2** Only Conservative is beginning to make error (8)  
**3** You want kitchen vessel? Then go where the food's kept (6)  
**4** Finally throw end of loaf that is black in recycling container? (7,3)  
**5** Chord one gets in a type of jazz (5)  
**6** Joan takes Isle of Man road the wrong way (4,2,7)  
**8** Special corner, a bright spot (7)  
**12** Bands on the move in others' cars (10)  
**14** Like a secret opinion that's stuffy? (7)  
**15** After sign of approval maiden perhaps becomes idle (4,4)  
**17** Former President in vehicle with Her Majesty (6)  
**18** Australian mammals need time to find shelter (5)  
**21** Accommodation evoking snide comments (4)

solution to last week's puzzle is not published until this Monday. sorry about that for those who were waiting.