

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes

23rd Mar 2013



Angus Duffett - headmaster of Disa High School

We only had a 50% attendance last Tuesday which was a great shame and a loss to those who didn't or couldn't attend.

Angus Duffett, the headmaster of the new DISA school gave us a wonderfully informative and measured talk, taking us from his time as a privileged schoolboy in South Africa, through his time in the United Kingdom and now back to South Africa where he is to apply his skills at this new government funded high school.

Angus discussed with us the parlous state of affairs when it comes to educational standards in South Africa. While the Western Cape boasts considerably better figures than the rest of the country, the actual metric pass rate is 27.4% only.

The school was established in January of this year and currently has 260 students. It is located on the old YMCA camp site above Penzance and we have an open invitation from Angus to visit and see for ourselves.



The school is currently named quite simply Disa high school (not to be confused with Disa primary school) but Angus is looking to rename the school Silekamba which means "we are the future".

It was decided that that part of the money donated by Harold Allsopp on behalf of Luton Chiltern Rotary should be utilised as a donation to Disa high school and matched from our own funds. We each donated Rand 500 and handed a cheque for Rand 1,000 to Angus following his talk.

As I have said before, I do not believe in enforced attendance at any meeting and do not agree with the obsession at some levels of Rotary with attendance figures. I believe that our weekly meetings should be of sufficient attraction for all members to consistently wish to attend. This talk by Angus was the stuff that interesting meetings are made of.

A kind note from "Mr Argus" - Don Peters

Dear President Peter,

On Monday 18th March I attend the Newlands Rotary Club meeting. The evening had been set aside for the "telling of stories" about the Argus day. May I report to you Mr President the message of thanks and congratulations that were passed to the marshals and refreshment station in Hout Bay. Whilst it did require me to identify the Sector as the most important for the entire course there was not total agreement from my fellow Sector marshals until I reminded them that Hout Bay was a Republic in its own right and it was only because the Rotary Club had negotiated with the State President to allow cyclist to move thru the republic without visa applications. Further had visa regulations been enforced applications would have been handled by Home Affairs and all of us were aware of possible administrative delays. This explanation was totally accepted and due applause was received for the Hout Bay team.

Don

This Sunday is Bowls Day!

Don't forget where we are tomorrow. Constantia Bowls Club for our annual display of bowling incompetence [for the most part] followed by fellowship around the braai. Always an annual favourite. Bill's email below sets out the agenda.

From: Bill -

Afternoon all

It's that time of the year again when we go out for a lovely fun day at Constantia Bowling Club.

For your general info!!

It will be held at the Constantia Bowling Club. This is situated in the Constantia Sports complex. Coming down from HB - Next set of robots after Constantia Village – turn RIGHT

Start hopefully approx 9.30 am.

Wear casual gear and FLAT shoes. A hat is recommended. Sun blocker a must.

Finish approx noon. The Braai will be lighted and ready for the cooking.

We will select teams before hand to save time

If you have Granddads or Uncle Berts bowls in the garage – bring them please, we need all we can get.

Bring ALL your Braai stuff – I will get some paper plates and serviettes, charcoal etc etc.

We will have tea and biscuits at half time.

Cost for all this will be **R40 per person**

The club bar at club prices will be open – don't bring your own Wine.

Sunshine has been booked.

See you there

Bill – Braaimaster.

“Wheelchair Butch”

Hi Peter,

We delivered another wheelchair this week. The recipient was Bongani Ngase 41 years of age .He was shot in the back in 1991 and has been paralised from the waste down since then. We did supply a wheelchair to him some years back ,probably in 2001 I think (Mirjam Anema was involved) The very rough terrain has caused serious damage and ware and tare to the old one .Even with his disability he was full of joy and thanks and had a smile from ear to ear.

Regards
Butch



HBVEMS - donation

As you will recall, we funded a defibrillator and heart monitor for HBVEMS (Hout Bay Volunteer Emergency Medical Services) and this was recently handed over. We have additionally decided to assist where possible in the shortfall in funding of petrol for the ambulance and in this regard we made a special donation of Rand 2,000.

Our treasurer, Colin Sutherland handed over to check and received the attached email in thanks and response.

Hi Colin,

This is wonderful news! Please see HBVEMS bank details below.

Thank you again for all the support RCHB has given.

Regards,

Stephan

Rotary Grant system

Treasurer, Colin Sutherland recently took time out to attend a Rotary seminar at Kelvin Grove regarding rules surrounding application and granting of grants. His summary of the day follows:

. Thirty five clubs attended with over fifty participants. The seminar covered Global, District and Packaged Grants.

We all received the Leader Guide which contained all the slides and information on how to gain access apply and manage the grants. There is also on the Rotary Web site a Grant Management Manual.

Main Requirement to be Completed

By my attendance Rotary Hout Bay is now on the list to apply for such grants both a District and Rotary International (Global Grants). However to complete this process we must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Key issue here the MOU has to be signed by the current Club President and the President Elect. Once this is done we receive qualified status for 2013/14.

Other Points Relevant to RCHB

- Construction of extensions to building is now permitted
- Separate bank accounts must be kept for each grant fund under management
- Donor should be inform as to how their funds are to be used.

Some delegated gave examples of how they obtained grants. One starting with the club inputs, then district, followed by another national effort in Germany and then RI building up from \$ 10.000 to \$ 170.000.

We must of course have a Club, a project and indeed a project champion. Without this the whole process is of no relevance

Best Regards,

Colin S

Ashley Kaimowitz 1985 - 2005

On the 19th of March the anniversary (2005) of Ashley's passing I shared a few moments with both of Ashley's parents, Megan and Jeffrey Kaimowitz are both actively involved with the Nonceba Centre and the Ashley Award Scheme.

During our Rotary meeting this week, when we were hearing about the dire situation for the education of so many in our country my mind drifted for a moment to think of Ashley, whose education had been one of the finest available. Ashley's amazing contribution during her so short life was because of her wonderful family upbringing, her education and because of the teaching children are given to be mindful of those less fortunate, yes they are words used often in Rotary. Is that because Rotarians are always concerned about the young, about their education, about their futures with bursary schemes, camps and opportunities to speak in public amongst many other useful avenues of learning. Every time I hear, and not just as a Rotarian, about the wonderful work achieved by Rotary I am reminded 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."

Don Peters

Message from DG Mike Osche

Dear fellow Rotarians

ROTARY DISTRICT 9350 – CONFERENCE 2013, RATANGA JUNCTION, CENTURY CITY, CAPE TOWN –
17 TO 19 MAY 2013.

Preparations for our conference is well on target and it is going to be a great and fun filled event. We are, however experiencing problems with our on line registration and in order to get started we have decided to go manually until such time as we can remedy the problem. On line registration should shortly be live.

I have insisted that we keep costs at a minimum and accordingly I believe we will be able to cater for all delegates at very reasonable prices. We are also presently negotiating better prices for accommodation and we will when once confirmed include these on our web page.

Details on our key note speakers will be sent out in a separate conference newsflash shortly.

The content of the conference is targeted at our own Rotary family and the program will bring across a very balanced and interesting conference, with speakers mostly from within Rotary and on subjects of relevance to our District. Feel free to take an early peak at our web page: <http://www.rotarybellville.org.za/index.php/news/9-registration>

We encourage you to register early. Attached is our manual registration form – please complete and submit as soon as possible

I look forward meeting all members at this special event.

Mike Ochse

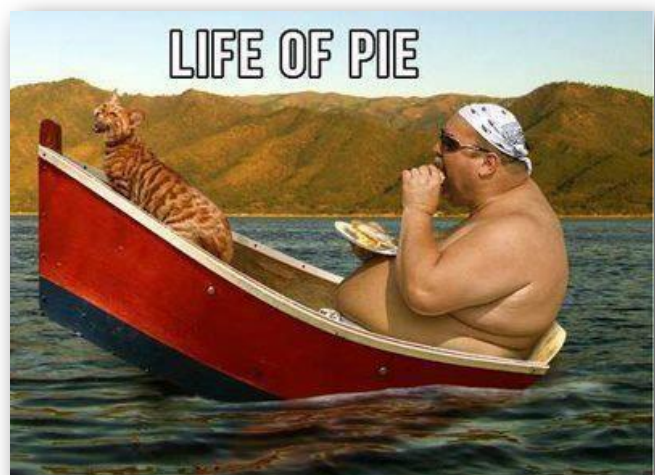
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NB: I am attaching an attendance application form with the email accompanying this issue of BB

Zoe's Quality Control

I was contacted by Zoe during the week. She offered an apology for the quality of the lasagna at last Tuesday's meeting. Quite frankly, I found nothing wrong with Ethelbert could have done with a bit more temperature but so is determined that it was not up to her usual standard and that he could did not follow instructions. Zoe has therefore offered to make amends with a free desert at our next meal.

And while on the subject of food, you might have seen the latest blockbuster movie featured below:



The Mick Feuilherade Memorial Golf Day

Last but certainly not least, do not forget that this coming Thursday 28th March sees the inaugural Mick Feuilherade annual golf tournament which, I am pleased to say, sees a full field of golfers and, I hope, a goodly contingent of wives and partners to help with the day.

With prizes, raffles and competitions galore this is going to be a wonderful day in memory of a truly great friend and a tireless Rotarian. The grand prize and the trophy which we are all aiming for has been kindly donated by the Feuilherade family.

An idea to have a day such as this is only that, an idea. It takes enormous effort and dedication to put that idea into reality. These things do not happen on their own or get even halfway done. My thanks and those of the Hout Bay Rotary club go to Butch and his committee: David Heath, Matt Mercer, Keith Bull, Terry Eldrid, Athol Rice, Alison Rice, David Walker, John Routley and Patrick Flanagan. *forgive me if I have left anyone out.*

The following famous Latin quotation may well be of interest if not help to Thursday's competitors

A beer or glass of wine from me to the first who can translate the following:

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