

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes



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Last Tuesday

Last Tuesday was particularly well attended with guests and partners swelling our numbers to full house.

Butch had put out his Clarion call to all and sundry to come hear Bill Kilbride talk to us on the subject of the Boer War. This was a one hour talk [just under] as advertised. So no surprises and we were all aware that the meeting was to start 15 minutes earlier to accommodate this.

The talk was delivered in Bill's usual energetic and erudite style with informative video support. His depth of knowledge of the events of those days and some of the trivia surrounding them made for a highly entertaining and instructive evening.

Many thanks Bill.

Apparently, we have Part II to look forward to at some date to be given.

Adding to the enjoyment of the evening, Don Peters purchased a Christmas pudding from Kirstenbosch RC which he then "donated" to us on Tuesday, shared out as a taster with cream and brandy.

Lekke it was, and the list went round for orders. I didn't see the final tally but no doubt Don will inform us. Given the number of attendees on Tuesday it was a bit in the vein of the parable of the loaves and the fishes but we all got a good sample.

Christmas Party and the AGM

Hout Bay Rotary Club Christmas dinner will be held at the Clubhouse on 10th December. Make a note and don't forget. Ali and David Heath are working on this as we speak/read and further details will be published shortly.

This means that the AGM which was planned for 10th December is now going to be held on 17th December. This, of course is one of the opportunities which presents itself annually for the general membership to have a peek behind the scenes at what the Board has been working on and working towards during the year to date. It is the ideal time to ask any questions you have of the Board.

Raymond's happy news

Raymond Yosimbom has, as most of us know, been a very busy young man studying for his Phd, undertaking his job as a Parliamentary reporter and mentoring two of our bursary students.

Raymond is about to make himself busier when he marries his fiancée Bongiwe at Christmas and has asked for Leave of Absence at this time.

As a Club we wish Raymond and Bongiwe a long, happy and fruitful marriage.

Go Raymond!



End of a Chapter in the book of the Rotary Clubs of Hout Bay and Coolamon

On Thursday 21st November Patrick sent an email to Foundation attaching the final and closing report on Matching Grant 68030 which of course was the Operation Medical Hope matching grant.

I don't propose to go through the whole story of the struggle again but suffice to say that WE DID IT. To be more accurate, it was Patrick and his team together with Coolamon RC which did it.

Thanks to the tenacity and sheer hard work of these people, Imizamu Yethu now has a fully equipped and staffed clinic. Defibrillators, monitors and the whole nine yards. Even a tumble drier. The settlement is now very well placed to handle the immediate needs of the community.

Something we must all be tremendously proud of.

Eye screening at IY Clinic

Those of us who were present to help out in IY at the last Rotary Family Health Day [RFHD] will recall that we were not able to conduct eye tests. However, it was clear that many in IY and Hangberg needed help to correct poor eyesight.

With the help of the Jonga Trust, Lions and ourselves, Liz Huckle organised a clinic for eye testing. The result of that is set out by her below:

The Eyescreening Clinic held on the 22nd October was a great success and on behalf of the indigent members of our community (there were people from Hangberg as well as IY) I want to thank you and your fellow Rotarians so very much for making it possible in this joint venture with Lions to improve the sight of so many people.

The waitin

g list at a Government Facility for Eye screening is up to 2 years!

Just through the provision of reading glasses many have said that their chances of finding employment have greatly improved and others were referred to hospital for eg treatable diseases such as Cataracts and glaucoma etc.

It was originally intended for 100 people identified at the Rotary Health Days and all the people on that list were phoned.

But the need is obviously much greater and over 200 people arrived.

After screening 150 we had to turn the rest away.

84 of those screened needed just reading glasses at a cost of R25 a pair and I did not have the heart to turn these people away because they didn't have R25. – Liz Huckle

We agreed to help Liz in this project in respect of which she has spent R4,441.81 out of her own pocket.

From Patrick on the Eye screening tests:

We wanted to try these people [Jonga Eye Clinic] out for possible use on Rotary Family Health Days. If you remember, we had to defer 173 persons mainly kids with defective vision. Personally, I was worried about sustainability year after year but if it is part of Rotary Family Health Days, this would be good and has a motive. Especially is shared with Lions. (and possibly Am Kap).

A number of other clubs handled defective vision on RFHD in this district but called in expensive opthamologist and opticians who gave of their services free. Tanya Seeber said she would come next year and give of her services free for one day but could not bring her machines, obviously, and the problem is cheap glasses. The Jonga eye clinic has it all sewn up apparently.

This is quite a long road I have been down since Rotary Family Health Days. Next year it will be planned into RFHD for June Webber

-Patrick McLaughlin

Coolamon's newsletter.

Have a look at Coolamon RC's latest newsletter. Great photos and information regarding delivery of the Shelter Boxes. We have/are providing two Shelter Boxes. If both are not needed for the aftermath of Haiyan in the Phillippines one will remain "on station" ready for the next emergency.

<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/?p=9543>

Rotary received a request for a wheelchair through Liz Huckle at 2pm on Wednesday 20th November. The Wheelchair was delivered to the Patient, Aubrey Mento, at 4pm the same afternoon. Aubrey was involved in a car accident and no longer has use of his lower body .

-Butch Liebenberg-

From: Liz [<mailto:huckles@polka.co.za>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 11:40 AM

To: Butch and Lyn Liebenberg

Subject: Wheelchair

Hi Butch

In response to a request from Sr Ahjam at the Community Health Centre in Hangberg I went to see Aubrey Mento and his wheel chair does need repair in fact I think it needs quite a lot of fixing and I will take it as soon as I have a moment but at this time of the year it will probably take quite a while.

He has borrowed a wheelchair from his aunt but it causes problems when they both need to use it, any chance of giving him another one? I would then keep his one in reserve and pass it on when someone else needs one.

I would really appreciate it as I am absolutely hectic with organizing xmas parties and presents for the aged (Hangberg and IY), disabled, bedridden patients and children who are HIV Positive or have cancer or other illnesses etc etc

Warm regards

Liz



Ali Rice joined Patrick for the initial workshop leading up to next year's Rotary Family Health Day which was a huge success.

Below is June Webber's write up on the day.

Dear 2014 RFHD Team,

WHAT A TEAM!

Rain, storm and floods did not prevent 28 odd Rotarians from 17 clubs attending our first RFHD workshop on Saturday, 16 November. Quite frankly, we were amazed at the attendance which certainly showed commitment. To all those who attended, our sincere thanks. Apologies were noted. This mail is sent to all those who attended, and to club site champions that could not make it but have indicated that they would be on our team again next year. Unfortunately, it is just not possible to record all the discussion at the meeting, but relevant presentations are attached.

Partnership with the Western Cape Provincial Department of Health and City

Marlene Poolman has been tasked by the Western Cape Provincial Health Department to work with Rotary to ensure the success of the campaign. Lists of PEPFAR partners, Western Cape Department of Health Managers and City Health Managers, are attached for your information. Please make contact with your relevant health contacts on these lists as soon as possible. Should you encounter any problems, please contact Peter Vurgarellis or myself. We have also met with Dr Zandile Muhlunga of City Health and her team earlier this year. They are also very supportive.

Presentation – Emile Mouton Century City

Emile put together a brilliant presentation on his experience in planning and coordinating the Joe Slovo site which he did alone, with the help of Andrew Claassen. They managed to get 60 odd volunteers to assist them. So never let the fact that yours is a small club, be a deterrent from not only participating, but being hugely successful. The presentation is a well structured-guideline which will be enormously helpful, especially for first time club participants. Thanks to Emile for this contribution.

Brain Storming

We factored one hour into the workshop for a brain storming session on three important topics, media/community mobilisation/add-ons/more hands.

"Failing to plan is planning to fail"

A basic action plan was defined at the end of the workshop, and is attached.

Should any clubs want us to come along to do a presentation to their members, we would be more than happy to do so.

Please help us to meet our critical 30 November deadline!

See you on the 1 February, 2014.

Warm regards,

June Webber

The continuing story of the Radisson Hotel swag

Hi

Ashley's note explains.

The Rotary name was well exposed and the distribution to those not well off was in keeping with our Rotary ideals. It was, I believe a very worthwhile exercise. There is no mention here of the curtains which are being distributed to a wider area.

There were also towels some of which have gone to the Cape Of Good Hope Club and some to James House and OMH.

Towelling dressing gowns have gone to Liz Huckle for Aids patients and a mixture has gone to Hermanus Club for their local hospital which is in need of help.

Regards

Don

Read on below:

From: Ashley Newell <ashley@alloutafrica.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 11:44 AM
Subject: RE: Radisson Results
To: Donald Peters <dona1d.leslie.peters@gmail.com>

Organizations that benefited from the goods:

Ikhaya le Themba

Ikhaya le Themba offers holistic After School Care programs to primary school children of Imizamo Yethu informal settlement in Hout Bay. This service includes home visiting, advocacy and referral for their family carers. They work to ensure that family units remain strong under the strain of illness and poverty and to support communities in caring for their orphaned and vulnerable children.

Ikhaya staff and parents were essential in distributing the Radisson donations. Their staff organized the logistics and assisted with the heavy lifting and their parents worked in organizing and selling the goods. They generously sacrificed three of their classrooms for storage of the donations over a week's period. The bedding was sold at their annual Market day which funds their annual parent-child camp targeting their most vulnerable families. Ikhaya has plans for two new classrooms to be built and has benefited from the furniture to eventually create a reception area for their clients to meet with staff.

Rainbow Dreams Trust

An afterschool club servicing the youth of Imizamo Yethu with homework assistance and camps. They selected some chairs for their homework club along with some kettles.

Little Lambs

An educare centre in Imizamo Yethu. (to be honest i can't remember what they selected and i have a call into Ikhaya to ask- will update you)

Everyday Heros Club

A high school boys' mentorship program working closely with 12 boys that have graduated from Ikhaya le Themba's program empowering them . 15 chairs were selected for their "club house".

Sisterhood

A high school girl's after school program. Selected some lounge cushions to be used at their sleep-over weekends.

Ntsane Educare

An educare center in Imizamo Yethu. Selected lounge cushions to use as nap mats for the children.

Vineyard Church

Purchased all remaining chairs for their church hall

Ashley Newell - All Out Africa

Ralph Vs Rolf

There was a little confusion between Rolfs and Ralphs [Schnauffer and Tobergte that is] and donations to the Shelter Box program in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. All that is sorted now with both having donated generously to this. Many thanks.

Knysna Conference newsletter

As many of you know, the annual District 9350 Conference is taking place in Knysna between 1st and 3rd May 2014. Last year's conference at Ratanga Junction was a huge success, particularly for Don and his Nonceba dolls!

hopefully, we shall get a good attendance from this club and it is time to start putting names down and making plans.

To that end I am attaching to the email with this issue of BB a copy of the latest newsletter. please open, read and do something about it. I expect that Pres John will be polling the membership for attendees.

PHILANTHROPY WORKS -Don Peters

The literal translation is 'love of mankind', practical benevolence, especially charity on a large scale.

Philanthropy has a clear place in our lives. Our civil society will not survive without it. Our task is to begin to explore our philanthropic roles and seriously think about what we can do rather than what we need – and then just start.

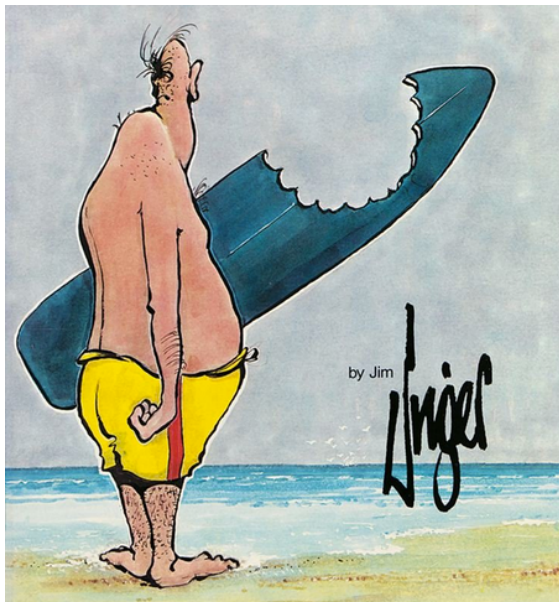
Why do people devote their lives to helping others, not because of changing the world or because you are for example, better educated. Neither was it about richness or being rich. It was about having the spirit of giving and having the correct attitude

In 2012 Jordan van der Walt, a twelve year old Johannesburg boy started 'Just one bag' project to feed schoolchildren. That campaign has collected more than fifty (50)tons of maize meal, over fifty (50) schools have joined in and more than five hundred thousand (500 000) children have taken a bag of maize meal to school. One young boy's idea was simply that if we all gave just one bag we would make a difference – and in one year a million (1 000 000) children were fed.

As Rotarians we are well aware of practical benevolence, our Organisation is without doubt the World leader, ignoring Governments and those super rich but not ignoring their generosity or is it their social responsibility perhaps.

You, as a Rotarian may well be able to do more and enjoy immense satisfaction. There is no optimal age, it has nothing to do with your wealth and how much free time you have, you do not have to be religious but perhaps your social conscience will play a part. There is no pattern, no converging set of economic and social circumstances that need to be fulfilled to become a philanthropist. Barriers to enter are virtually non-existent as the ability to give requires little more than a vision and will. And the benefits are many.

Thanks to Gillian Mitchell, Cape Times 28/10/13 for parts of her article.



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"Good luck, Miller. Try to stay out of trouble."

MATT



"When they invented the first clock, how did they know what time to set it?"