

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes

25th Aug 2013



MEETING LAST TUESDAY

Last Tuesday was one of those meetings which turned out to be something quite other than expected.

During the week prior, President John had met quite by chance, one Maria Montgomery who has recently arrived in Hout Bay to work with the CARE program. She is also fully involved with the Little Angels crèche which, as you know, we are supporting. So, a coincidental meeting which led to John inviting her to visit with us on Tuesday and with probably no more than a few minutes notice, Maria was asked to give us a talk. This on an evening when we had no speaker planned.

Well, Maria gave us a wonderful insight into her personal history and her involvement with Liezle at Little Angels.

Maria is from Sweden but has spent time in California and London. She wears many hats including that of freelance film Director, Producer, writer and actor. Now involved in charity work and hoping to be able to stay in South Africa once her working visa is sorted out and she can settle in to her job at CARE.

We hope to see more of Maria and shall certainly be keeping in touch with her as she works with Little Angels.



PRES JOHN AND WHEELCHAIR BUTCH

Hi Peter pics for Bay Breezes , went with LIZ Huckle , Butch and myself to give wheelchair to a Mrs Susan Miller in Hangberg , the children had

great fun playing with the box.

Pics to follow

Regards

John



THIS TUESDAY'S MEETING

This Tuesday we have a special guest. Elaine Maloney who is the UK Coordinator for the Angel Starfish program which we have been involved with in the past. Elaine will be coming with her husband, her two daughters and possibly also with Michael and Linda Ragget with whom she is staying in Hout Bay.

I know that we shall give Elaine and her "entourage" a warm welcome.

LET ROY GRAHAM KNOW IF YOU ARE ABSENT OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING ANY GUESTS

ROTARY AT WORK





From Pres John

Hi Peter

Took Liezel from Little Angels to Checkers to buy some supplies etc.

Took her back and met the children.



FOLLOW UP FROM JOHN GLASSFORD ON R.A.G.E.S. - *Rotary Action Group on Endangered Species*

G ' day Peter

Many thanks for your email and for your wonderful support.

The more I read about the poaching of rhino in SA and the elephant in East Africa the angrier I get.

Hence the need to get Rotary mobilised world wide on this. That is why two of on ROTI decided to look at starting a Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species. It is based on the RC of Kenton-on-Sea Port Elizabeth who started it all in our thinking. I saw a story on their work on Facebook and started to get involved.

So we are now waiting on RI for approval of RAGES we will see what happens but if we fail 1st time we can go again in 12 months for approval and in the mean time we put Plan B into action.

Our most important goal is to show RI that we are very serious or as we say Fair Dinkum and to that end your email is so encouraging. So the more members that join us the stronger we become in their eyes.

It is easy to join us and all one has to do is to fill in the form below:

RAGES Registration. <<http://www.endangeredrag.org/contact-us/>>

Thanks again my friend and all the best to you all in Hout Bay.

Our web site is updated on a regular basis and our members will get a monthly newsletter.

Got to go the BOSS is cooking dinner.

JG

Coolamon Rotary Club <<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/>>



**IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.....JOIN UP TO R.A.G.E.S.
BE PART OF IT**

G ' day All

We now have 58 Foundation Members of our Proposed RAGES Rotarian Action Group. A very warm welcome to all of you. It was World Orangutan Day on Monday 19th August. Another endangered species losing their habitat to the large scale clearing of rain forest in Sumatra and Borneo for Palm Oil Plantations. There is a story on our web site with links to a worthwhile project:

World Orangutan Day <<http://www.orangutan.org.au/index.htm>>

Our application to Rotary International for approval as a Rotarian Action Group has been received in Evanston with the following comments by Jesse Davis from RI who has guided us so well:

"It is always difficult to judge how the Board of Directors will vote on RAG applications, but having a plan B is never a bad idea. RI would likely have no issue with you further facilitating your work in endangered species conservation, but perhaps not under the action group name.

I will, however, say that you have prepared an excellent application. It was thorough, well-composed, and RAGES would be filling a niche that corresponds with many of Rotary's principals. You have been responsive to all staff requests and I've heard many supportive statements from a variety of individuals within Rotary. You can communicate with your Board that staff has officially received RAGES application, and is preparing to present it to the Rotarian Action Group Committee at their meeting here in Evanston at the beginning of September. As we move forward, I will most definitely be in touch. "

The board is confident that our application will be approved first time round by RI in October.

Currently our 58 members represent some 12-13 countries with 39 different clubs in 33 different districts. As we move onwards while we await RI approval as a RAG (Rotarian Action Group) we are asking you to look at the following 4 points of action:

1. **Individual Rotarians**, Rotaractors and family members can support the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya for orphaned elephants and rhinos. Not Rotary connected in any way at the moment, it is just one of the best conservation projects in Africa and has been going for a long time with a great track record.

David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust <<http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>>

2. **Club and District Support** for the Rotary Club of Kenton-on-Sea's Save The Rhino Project. We would like to make this our flagship project for RAGES. So it is a good start for your club, and hopefully your district, to become involved in raising funds. More on how in our first monthly newsletter.

Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea <<http://www.rotarykenton.co.za/saveour.htm>>

3. Involve **Rotaractors**. Our Vice Chair Philip Merritt will be looking at involving Rotaractors in our proposed RAGES group. Now if any of you have ideas on how to get Rotaractors involved we would love to hear back from you all.

4. We will be preparing a **monthly newsletter** and to that end we require your involvement and contributions with stories that you would like to see published. We will publish this monthly newsletter on our web site and on both Facebook pages. We will set the end of each month as the deadline for publication. If anyone wants to become the editor let me know please?

We need your feedback, ideas and plans of how you can get your club and district involved.

Here is a reminder of what the world stands to lose if the human race does nothing to help the people on the ground most affected by the loss of any species.

In closing I would like to share Jon Deisher's comments on his registration form to become a Founding Member of RAGES:

"“It is likely that some extinction is a consequence of world biological, climatological or systemic process beyond our immediate ability to control. However, extinctions caused by wanton greed, the harvesting of body parts for superstitious uses, and/or poaching for immediate needs can be stopped, particularly when the species at risk (particularly great cats, elephants, and rhinos) can be the focus of economic activity that generates income and livelihood through local stewardship.”

“This is a mission worthy of Rotary”. Jon Deisher

Jon Deisher is a member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage, Alaska (D5010) U.S.A.

We look forward to hearing back from you all.

Yours in Rotary
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Chair 2013 -2014
Proposed RAG for Endangered Species
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RAG Endangered Species <<http://www.endangeredrag.org/>>

Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day <<http://theork.com/>>

This Proposed Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species or RAGES is a prospective Rotarian Action Group and operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

Don Peters

Last week my piece on rape was pretty serious and its a similar story this week as the title shows. Thanks to Robin Millard of SAPA-AFP for his article and investigation which he titled, "Spoon in underwear trick is saving young Britons from forced marriages." For the majority of us it is impossible to understand how the parents of teenagers force their children to marry unknowns. But let me paraphrase Robin Millard's article and tell this brutal story because in the long run this is rape.

'As Briton puts airport staff on alert to spot potential victims of forced marriage, one campaigning group says the trick of putting a spoon in their underwear has saved some youngsters from a forced union in their South Asian ancestral homelands. The concealed spoon sets off the metal detector at the airport in Britain and the teenagers can be taken from their parents to be searched - a last chance to escape a largely hidden practice wrecking the lives of unknown thousands of British youths. The British school summer holidays now well under way, mark a peak in reports of young people - typically girls aged 15 and 16 - being taken abroad on "holiday", for a marriage without consent, the government says. The 'bleep' at the airport security may be the last chance they get to escape a marriage to someone they have not met in a country they have not seen. The spoon trick is the brainchild of the Karma Nirvana charity, which supports victims and survivors of forced marriage and honour-based abuse. The charity fields 6500 calls a year from around Britain, but has almost reached that in August 2013 as awareness of the issue grows. When petrified youngsters call, and 'if they don't know exactly when it may happen or if it's going to happen, we advise them to put a spoon in their underwear', 'When they go through security it will highlight this object in a private area and if 16 or over, they will be taken to a safe space there they have that one last opportunity to disclose they're being forced to marry.

From Colin Sutherland in France

Peter,

As we are having wonderful weather here, the best appropriate newspaper headline has been

*" Seagull with diarrhea
barely makes it to
crowded beach in time ".*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

This week we can say Happy Birthday to Marilyn Peters on 1st September and Happy Anniversary to Chris and Loes Schuchard also on 1st September. Margaret Walker celebrates her Birthday on 31st August and I hope I haven't left anyone out.



**"It's Happy Hour. Do you want
grape or raspberry?"**