

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes

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Speakers

Last Tuesday Mr John King gave us a very complete slide show and talk on Energy problems facing us, where our energy comes from and how it affects us. A very interesting presentation.

This Tuesday we have no speaker planned. If no activity is thought up by now and Tuesday then I suggest that we have another of our evenings to throw ideas around. Not a business meeting as such but if the members have questions for the Board by all means go ahead.

This rather free format worked very well the last time we did it. So formulate some ideas and have them ready.

And from Mike Saxby:

From: MikeSaxby
[mailto:saxbymb@telkomsa.net]
Sent: 23 May 2013 10:10 PM
To: 'Patrick McLaughlin'

Thanks for the email Patrick. I was told by June what a fabulous job RC of Hout Bay had done. Your club does things really well.

Kind regards,
Mike

Rotary Family Health Day follow up

The legacy of Rotary Family Health Day will remain with the community for some time to come. While it was, to some extent, an exercise in overcoming adversity it was also a tremendous success. The effort needed to "bring it off" was recognised by District and in particular by June Webber, the organiser.

Patrick provided a full report on the events of the three days and the tribulations leading up to it. His report highlighted the many great aspects while also setting out practical measures, learned from the experience, which should be adopted for the next of these events. June Webber was kind enough to respond to Patrick as below.

Dear Patrick,

One of the joys of being the SC head is receiving reports such as the one from you this evening.

There are so many good and positive achievements that emanated from the three RFHDs which completely overshadow all the difficult challenges that we faced from time to time. As you say, the camaraderie, the team building at club level with everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel to make the RFHD work, and to do it so superbly, leaves one feeling emotional with the bliss of success.

The funds as you said, were well spent. Thank you Hout Bay Rotary for this investment.

The suggestions that you have made are valid, in particular, that the RFHDs should fall on three days in the week and not the Saturday and also in regard to the promotional material to be disseminated as well as a six month planning strategy with the DoH before the event. These will be included in our final report.

Once again, thank you to you all for your support, and in particular, to you Patrick for your outstanding leadership to coordinate your site.

All the best,
Warm regards,
June

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An article below from Colin Sutherland. Some of you may have views on this topic. Please write in if you do. Get some discussion going.

Peter,

Greetings from Burgundy where it has rained most days which makes Hout Bay more and more attractive.

At the last Board Meeting I attended you asked us give some thought to where the club should focus its activities and to be pro-active towards projects and donations. I was reminded of this again when reviewing the slides from the conference you forwarded. Two in particular - "Awareness of the Broader Community" and "Partnering with non Rotary organisation in a Service Projects", seems very apt.

It has always struck me that the club offers much of its resources to the coloured and African Communities in Hout Bay. Only the occasional concert was aimed at the white community. However all our members save one come from the white community, our natural home. Perhaps members consider the white community can look after itself and no time, events or community projects need be devised for them. Rotary Africa highlights the same focus of services to other communities.

In Hout Bay we have two large retirement complexes, the library, a museum and various other welfare organisations. Needing only time and some energy we could be more visible within our own community. I would be happy to be the Rotary member with a particular interest in the library for example.

Have attended two Rotary meetings here and will make a presentation on South Africa in June. Dagmar and I will also attend the induction of the new president (passage de pouvoir) on July 4.

Best regards,

Colin S

Proceeds from Mick's Golf Day

Colin's email to Damian Feuilherade

Damian,

Greetings from rural France.

As agreed at the April 2013 RCHB Board Meeting I have today paid Rand 5000.00 to Soil for Life, as a donation, being part to the funds realised from the Mick Feuilherade Memorial Golf Day Outing.

Best Regards,

**Colin Sutherland - Treasurer Rotary Club of Hout Bay
Currently in Burgundy - France**

The tragedy which struck Moore Oklahoma last week reminds us of the furious power of nature and the total devastation she can wreak. Always "touching wood" we are blessed with a temperate climate and just the occasional high winds. Nothing like a tornado.

Don wrote to the Rotary Club of Moore as below:

From: Donald Peters

<mailto:donald.leslie.peters@gmail.com>

Sent: 5/21/2013 3:43 AM

To: mpdm21@yahoo.com <mailto:mpdm21@yahoo.com>; pmoss@cox.net <mailto:pmoss@cox.net>; peter dutton <mailto:pdutton@cfe.co.za>

Subject: The tornado tragedy

Dear President Jerry and District Governor Phillip

The question being asked is how do you start a letter to a Rotary Club in Oklahoma City where such tragedy has occurred as a result of the forces of nature.

It is simple, we at our Rotary Club, Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa just want you all to know how devastated we feel for you and for the tragic loss of life.

We Rotarians many many miles away in Africa want you all to know that you and indeed everyone who at this time is suffering in any way that you remain in our thoughts and prayers at this horrifying time.

With our special Rotary thoughts and wishes,

The Rotary Club of Hout Bay President and all its members

The following reply was received:

From: Jeff Miles <jmiles@rbt.com>

Date: Thu, May 23, 2013 at 5:59 PM

Subject: Moore Rotary Thank You

To: "donald.leslie.peters@gmail.com" <donald.leslie.peters@gmail.com>

Donald,

On behalf of Jerry and DG Phil Moss, thank you for reaching out and expressing sharing your thoughts and prayers! We really appreciate the Rotarians from around the world reaching out to us during this difficult time.

Thank you,

Jeff Miles

Moore, Oklahoma Rotary Secretary

Kirstenbosch Winners at Chelsea Flower Show

Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden has won its 33rd gold medal for its exhibition at the annual Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show in London

One of the most charming and captivating films I have seen recently is **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**. A glittering cast portraying the touching and often hilarious circumstances of a group of retirees who decide that India is the place to spend their last days. The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel to be precise.

There are some fabulous one-liners and quotes littering the script. A sample of these are below:

"We get up in the morning. We do our best. Nothing else matters."

"All we know about the future is that it will be different."

"The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing"

"The only real failure is the failure to try"

"Most things don't work out as expected, but what happens instead often turns out to be the good stuff."

"I joined a gym but didn't get any fitter. Apparently, you have to go."

"There is no past that we can bring back by longing for it."

"Everything will be all right in the end. If it's not all right then it's not the end."

"I've still got it, I just can't find anyone who wants it."

A little something from our old friend John Camplin [currently "resting" in Australia

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.